

WAR ON TERRORISM

Obama doubling US troop levels in Iraq

By JON HARPER
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama has authorized the deployment of an additional 1,500 U.S. troops to Iraq to assist Iraqi forces in their fight against the militant group known as the Islamic State, the White House announced Friday.

There are now about 1,400 troops in Iraq participating in Operation Inherent Resolve, and the additional deployments will more than double the American footprint there.

In a statement, White House press secretary Josh Earnest said the additional troops will be in “a noncombat role to train, advise, and assist Iraqi Security Forces,

including Kurdish forces ... U.S. troops will not be in combat, but they will be better positioned to support Iraqi Security Forces as they take the fight to [the Islamic State militants].”

The administration will request \$5.6 billion in war funding from Congress for the campaign against the militants, \$1.6 billion of which will go toward establishing an “Iraq

Train and Equip Fund.”

“This funding will help reconstitute the Iraqi Army and strengthen the capability and capacity of our Iraqi partners to go on the offensive against [the Islamic State],” Director of the Office of Management and Budget Shaun Donovan said in a statement.

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Afghan soldiers use their hands to eat traditional Afghan food at a base in Laghman province. Each soldier is allocated a specific ration based on standardized calculations.

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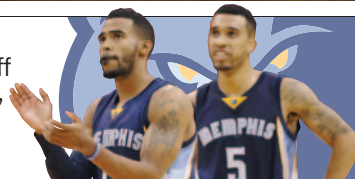
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"He scared me. I'm so glad he's gone. You always hear people saying about their neighbor that they seemed so quiet and normal. Not him, I'm not surprised."

— Andrea Shearer, a next-door neighbor of Troy Morley of Roy, Utah, who is suspected of entering a Salt Lake City family's house and snatching a 5-year-old girl

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VETERANS

VA head McDonald: 1K workers face disciplinary action

By MATTHEW DALY
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Veterans Affairs Department is considering disciplinary action against more than 1,000 employees as it struggles to correct systemic problems that led to long wait times for veterans seeking health care and falsification of records to cover up delays, VA Secretary Robert McDonald said.

In an interview with the CBS News program "60 Minutes," McDonald said the VA is taking "aggressive, expeditious disciplinary action, consistent with the law" against more than 1,000 of its 315,000 employees.

McDonald said the disciplinary report given to the Veterans Affairs committees in the House and the Senate "has about 35 names on it. I've got another report that has over 1,000" names, McDonald said.

The interview with "60 Minutes" will be broadcast on Sunday. An excerpt aired Friday on the "CBS Evening News."

McDonald's comments represent a departure from his previous public remarks. At a news conference Thursday, he said the VA has proposed disciplinary action — up to an including firing — against more than 40 employees nationwide since June. Those cases are all related to a scandal over long patient wait times and the manipulation of records to hide the delays.

At an appearance Friday at the National Press Club, McDonald said the VA has taken or is considering disciplinary action against 5,600 employees during the past year, although aides later clarified that most of those actions were not related to the health care scandal.

"We are very serious about making sure that we hold people



MANUEL BALCE CENETIA/AP

Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert McDonald speaks about his efforts to improve services for veterans during a news conference Friday at the National Press Club in Washington.

accountable," McDonald said.

The VA has been under intense scrutiny since a whistleblower reported that dozens of veterans may have died while awaiting treatment at the Phoenix VA hospital, and that appointment records were falsified. Since then, problems have been revealed at VA health care sites across the country.

The scandal led to the ouster of former VA Secretary Eric Shinseki and to a new law making it easier for veterans to get VA-paid care from local doctors. The agency has been overwhelmed by the influx of veterans from wars in

Iraq and Afghanistan, the aging of Vietnam War veterans and expanded eligibility for benefits as a result of exposure to Agent Orange and other problems.

Some Republican lawmakers have criticized the VA for moving too slowly to fire managers involved in covering up wait times and other problems.

But McDonald said the agency is moving as fast as it legally can. All VA firings are subject to review by an administrative judge.

"We've got to make it stick," McDonald told CBS. "We propose the action, the judge rules and the individual has a time to appeal."

Computer system helping to clear VA backlog

By JOSH HICKS
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Call it the demise of the old rubber thumb and the rise of the computerized keyword search.

The Department of Veterans Affairs is trying to change the way veterans file disability and other claims in hopes of speeding up an antiquated, paper-bound process that seems like a vestige of a different era.

As recently as 2012, VA employees would have to search through veterans' files, which in some cases were 4 feet high and included everything from X-rays to eye exams to evidence of amputations.

The new system introduces standardized electronic forms for

veterans to fill out. The goal is to computerize a lengthy process that VA officials say led to long delays in handling claims and appeals.

In March 2013, at the peak of the problem, there were 611,000 backlogged disability compensation and pensions claims. Today, the backlog is 243,000, a reduction of 60 percent in 18 months.

The department's definition of a "backlogged" case is one in which a veteran has been waiting for 125 days or longer.

Allison Hickey, VA undersecretary for benefits, said that the department has scanned 1 billion images, or 8.1 million pounds of paperwork, enough to fill 28 massive C-5 Galaxy cargo planes.

She said the backlog was in part due to the mounds of paper

that claims adjudicators had to sort through to make decisions.

"Before, we had raters sitting with little, rubber fingertips going through the 18 inches of paper in a veteran's record, searching for one word that indicates their injury in that record. They would spend a really long time trying to find that," she said.

She said that today, the employees can use a keyword search to find the word. It's done in seconds. The system is known as the Veterans Benefits Management System (VBMS), and the VA's army of 29,000 claims processors is able to see the electronic medical records.

The program was launched under a pilot program in 2012 at five regional offices. As of June 2013, the system was rolled out to

all 56 VA regional offices. Today, it is used at 148 VA facilities.

There has been some resistance, especially from older veterans who are not as comfortable with the technology. And a majority of veterans still file their claims on paper. But Hickey said there are many training opportunities that veterans' groups are offering, and many veterans find the system easier than they expected.

"Sometimes the federal government is known for not always delivering on IT systems in particularly good ways," Hickey said at a briefing and demo for reporters at the Veterans Benefits Administration's headquarters in downtown Washington. "But I think this is a huge success story."

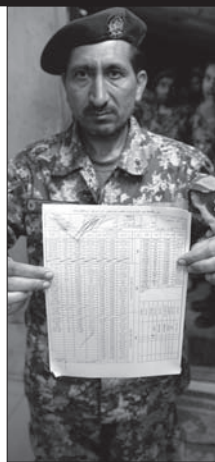
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Above: Afghan army Capt. Mohammad Aqa holds a list detailing the equations he uses to calculate the exact amount of food to cook for the more than 500 Afghan soldiers who eat in shifts at this dining hall, left, on a base in Laghman province. The meals usually consist of traditional Afghan foods such as flatbread and beans.

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Serving it up THE AFGHAN WAY

By JOSH SMITH
Stars and Stripes

LAGHMAN PROVINCE,
Afghanistan

Many foreign service-members who served in Afghanistan may have been used to regular steak-and-seafood nights at their base's dining hall. But at the former American bases now used by Afghan forces, the new inhabitants stick to a more traditional menu.

At the headquarters of the Afghan National Army's 1st Brigade, 201st Corps in Laghman province, eastern Afghanistan, Capt. Mohammad Aqa leads a team of three cooks who prepare daily meals for more than 500 soldiers.

Flatbread is baked on-site, while supplies like beans, meat and potatoes for other traditional Afghan meals

are trucked in from Jalalabad city in neighboring Nangarhar province.

Aqa follows precise quotas when planning his food service. Each soldier is allocated one piece of bread, 140 grams of meat, 25 grams of beans, and on down through a list of various possible fixings that include rice, squash, potatoes and vegetables. Morning breakfasts often feature bread with one egg per soldier.

The meals are cooked over wood fires in large cauldrons, then spooned into bowls. Vegetables are handed out wrapped in the bread, and soldiers use their hands to break pieces of bread and sop up the food.

Afghan soldiers also have a version of takeaway, with food piled into buckets to be taken back to offices or to the men manning guard towers.

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Above: Retired Lt. Gen. Richard Natonski, center, reminiscences with Marines who were members of his personal security detachment during the second battle of Fallujah. Natonski, former commander 1st Marine Division, spoke at a ceremony commemorating the 10th anniversary of the battle on Friday at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Right: Marines salute during the ceremony as they commemorate all the units that participated in the second battle of Fallujah.



On 10th anniversary, Fallujah vets recall fight

By JENNIFER HLAD
Stars and Stripes

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. — Angel Hernandez came from New Jersey. Michael Blake came from New York. Aaron Westlund came from Minnesota. Ben Finnell came from Utah.

And retired Lt. Gen. Richard Natonski came from Virginia, returning to his "home" at 1st Marine Division to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Marine Corps' largest urban battle since Hue City in 1968.

On Nov. 8, 2004, the 1st Marine Division — supported by U.S. Army units, other Marine units, British forces and the Iraqi army — launched the second battle of Fallujah, Operation Al Fajr. Though time has passed, Natonski said, the battle is still fresh in the minds of those who fought it.

The troops moved house by house, block by block, through a city full of entrenched enemy, intent on killing Americans, said Natonski, who commanded 1st Marine Division at the time. Many of the enemy fighters were high on amphetamines, or wearing rubber ties on their limbs so they could continue fighting even if gravely injured, he said.

The troops dropped more than 300 bombs on the city and fired more than 6,000 rounds of artillery during the battle, which lasted until Dec. 23, Natonski said. Nine U.S. troops received the Navy Cross for their actions in Operation Al Fajr, and several more received the Silver Star.

In an interview with Stars and Stripes, Maj. Gen. Larry Nicholson, the current commander of 1st Marine Division, called the fight "the most iconic battle of the last decade."

On Sept. 14, 2004 — the day he took command of 1st Marine Regiment — a rocket hit his command post, killing his communications officer, Maj. Kevin Shea, and badly wounding him.

Nicholson was medevaced to the United States and had several surgeries to repair his back and shoulder. He returned to Iraq on Christmas Eve, the day after the battle ended.

"I missed the fight," he said, but he saw the long lines of people waiting for food and money, filtering into what was by then a "pretty secure city."

The battle really came down to decisions made by some of the most junior Marines, he said.

"It's very, very challenging

'We can't control what's going on now. What we could control was in 2004, and we did that very well. That's the message we want to give our guys: We did our job and we did it well.'

Maj. Gen. Larry Nicholson
commander, 1st Marine Division

for young Marines to go through house after house, block after block. And this wasn't done within large formations. This was done at squad and fire-team level," he said. "I think it's a great study in small-unit leadership, under the most challenging of circumstances of urban terrain."

During the six-week battle, there were "so many incredible stories and accounts of heroism and bravery by young Marines and soldiers. I think you've got to remember a fight like that, because they don't come along very often. That was a tough one."

At the ceremony Friday, Natonski related anecdotes from the battle, such as when he heard Marines discussing who would play them in "Fallujah, the movie,"

and when a regiment of Marines took an Army psychological operations vehicle into the city and played the "Marines' Hymn" as loud as they could, in honor of the Marine Corps' birthday.

"Believe me, it got quite a reception," Natonski said.

Hundreds of current and former Marines, soldiers and sailors traveled to southern California for the ceremony and other memorial activities. Hernandez and Blake, who served in Battery C, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines during the battle, said they wanted to pay their respects to those who died and to see some of their old friends.

"It was a very important part of our lives," Blake said.

Finnell, who served as a corpsman with 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, said he was hoping to remember. Because of severe post-traumatic stress disorder, he said, two and a half to three years of his life are a blank.

"Coming here is a way to reconnect," he said.

Though officials made a point of focusing the ceremony on what happened in 2004, Natonski did address the fact that the city fell to the Islamic State early this year. And on Friday, the Pentagon announced that more U.S. troops would be sent back to Iraq as advisers, including to Anbar province.

It's "very disheartening and disappointing to those who were there 10 years ago," he said, but the Marines in 2004 accomplished their mission "and more."

Nicholson said that what is happening in Iraq now doesn't change what the team did.

"We can't control what's going on now. What we could control was in 2004, and we did that very well," he said. "That's the message we want to give our guys: We did our job, we did it damn well."

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A tractor drives on agricultural fields as smoke rises from an Islamic State group position in eastern Kobani, Syria, after an airstrike by the U.S.-led coalition on Saturday.

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4 Syrian villages stormed

By MOUSAB ALHAMADEE
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ISTANBUL — One day after U.S. warplanes struck bases belonging to the Nusra Front in northern Syria, the al-Qaida-affiliated group Friday pressed forward with its campaign against U.S.-backed rebels, storming four rebel-held villages and seizing a town where they ordered rebel fighters to disband and hand over their weapons.

The four villages — Safuhun, Fatira, Hazareen and Ma'ar Zeta — are in the mountainous Jabal al Zawiyah region of Idlib province. The captured town is Minnig, in Aleppo province.

Facing destruction by Nusra, rebel commanders say they are now withdrawing forces from

front-line positions where they faced troops loyal to the government of President Bashar Assad.

Nusra's continuing advance appeared to be the result not only of the demoralization of rebel forces, which have been receiving ever-diminishing assistance through a U.S.-backed covert program, but also of growing support among local residents. Unlike the Islamic State, whose fighters are mostly from abroad, the majority of Nusra fighters are Syrians.

Rebel commanders, who have been critical of previous U.S. attacks on Nusra, said the United States has added to the confusion by claiming that Thursday's strikes were not intended to support the rebels or to attack Nusra itself but were aimed at what U.S. officials call the "Khorasan group," which the U.S. says is an al-Qaida unit

sent to Syria to plot attacks on the West and that has embedded with Nusra.

Gen. Hasan Hammadi, leader of Legion Five, the biggest umbrella group for secular rebel fighters in Idlib province, described the situation as grim. He said many fighters are reluctant to take on Nusra and added that many rebels were unaware of its al-Qaida affiliations.

Towns and villages once held by the U.S.-backed secular rebels have fallen in rapid succession to Nusra in the past seven days. In Jarjanaz, a town of 17,000 east of Idlib city, Nusra took over all rebel bases last week to become the dominant force in the city. Sheikh Hasan al Dughem, a religious scholar from the city, described the developments as an "earthquake."

Interpol, cruise lines share watch lists

By JAMEY KEATEN
The Associated Press

PARIS — Cruise ship operators share "watch-list" information with Interpol, U.S. intelligence agencies and other authorities on suspected criminals, including would-be jihadi fighters trying to travel to battle zones of Syria and Iraq, officials and industry analysts said Friday.

The comments come a day after Interpol officials told The Associated Press that would-be jihadis have been increasingly booking trips on cruise ships to join radical groups such as the Islamic State,

hoping to bypass intensified border checks at airports in countries such as neighboring Turkey.

One Turkish official said in an interview Friday that Interpol had not flagged any such recent jihadi route changes in favor of cruise travel to Turkish authorities. The official, who spoke only on condition of anonymity in order to discuss sensitive matters, said Turkey noted a few such cases last year, but "no more than five."

Some European countries say Turkey has not done enough to stop the flow of jihadis through its territory to Syria. Ankara, mean-

while, has requested — and not always obtained — better information from European countries about possible jihadi travelers, the Turkish official said, insisting that they also should do more.

Michael Crye, a U.S.-based consultant to the maritime industry, said international rules require cruise ship operators to provide electronic manifests to authorities, who can check them against watch lists. Interpol's database of foreign fighters, which started 18 months ago, includes 1,300 names, according to its figures from September.

Expanded US role in Iraq depends on Congress

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress members returning to Capitol Hill this week will face a debate over President Barack Obama's new \$5.6 billion plan to expand the U.S. mission in Iraq and send up to 1,500 more American troops to the war-torn nation.

Obama authorized the deployment of advisory teams and trainers to bolster struggling Iraqi

forces across the country. His decision comes just three days after bruising midterm elections for his Democratic Party, and the deployments hinge on whether Obama can get the funding approved in Congress' lame-duck session. Obama's plan could boost the total number of American troops in Iraq to 3,100. There are currently about 1,400 U.S. troops there.

Congress hopes to complete the

Levels: CENTCOM plans to establish sites to train Iraqi army, peshmerga brigades

FROM FRONT PAGE

U.S. Central Command will establish two expeditionary advise and assist operations centers to provide support for the Iraqis at the brigade headquarters level and above, according to the Defense Department, Pentagon press secretary Rear Adm. John Kirby said one of the centers will be in Anbar province and the other will be north of Baghdad.

CENTCOM also will establish four or five sites in northern, western and southern Iraq to accommodate the training of nine Iraqi army and three peshmerga brigades.

Kirby said the specific training sites have not yet been selected. U.S. officials also want to train Sunni tribesmen to take on the Islamic State group, although it's unclear to what extent the Shiite-dominated Iraqi government will allow that to happen.

"I don't know if [Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al] Abadi has said specifically that he's willing to arm them," Kirby said. "We do expect that there will likely be a role for Sunni tribesmen in this training effort," but "we've got more work to do in that regard."

A senior administration official told reporters that there is a "tangible and concrete plan to first organize and equip 5,000 tribesmen in Anbar. ... This is now being openly discussed in Iraq and it's starting to happen, and the government is getting resources out to those tribes. And we're trying to work with them as best we can in terms of developing that capacity."

The official spoke to reporters on condition of anonymity.

Kirby said that about 630 U.S. troops will be involved in the advisory mission and about 870 in the training effort. The operations centers and training sites will have force protection, officials said.

"They're going to be able to defend themselves and defend the trainers and the advisers," Kirby said.

Still, Iraq remains a dangerous place.

"Yeah, there's risk," Kirby said.

"Of course there is risk," Kirby said. Kirby said the additional troops will begin to flow into Iraq later this month. However, it will take two to three months to set up the new sites and an additional six to seven months to complete the training of Iraqi forces.

Other coalition countries are expected to contribute people and

money to the effort. Kirby said that "well over" 700 additional trainers will come from foreign partners. Officials said that "several" countries have already committed to the effort, but Denmark is the only one that has been publicly identified thus far.

The Iraqi government and other allies will also help foot the bill, officials said, but they did not specify how much money other countries are willing to pay.

The U.S. also has a plan to train moderate Syrian rebels to fight the Islamic State group, but Kirby said there is "absolutely no connection" between the training mission in Iraq and the one in Syria, which hasn't begun yet. Officials said that the Denning of the new train, advise and assist initiative was driven by a number of factors, including the completion of an offensive campaign plan.

"It's being done now, quite frankly, because the Iraqis ... have demonstrated the willingness and the skill to go after [the Islamic State group]," but "they've reached a point where they need additional help and guidance, particularly in areas like Anbar," Kirby said. "What drove this was a request from the government of Iraq and then [the CENTCOM commander's] assessment that this would be beneficial."

Thus far, American advisers have been limited to Baghdad and Irbil.

"What these additional forces will enable is flexibility for our personnel to go to different parts of the country and to provide that function of supporting Iraqi Security Forces," another senior administration official told reporters on condition of anonymity.

But the entire plan could be derailed by lawmakers, officials said.

"We need the authorization and the funding that comes with it in order to be able to conduct this mission, and [Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel] obviously is urging Congress to pass it as soon as possible," Kirby told reporters.

Officials indicated that more troops could be sent to Iraq in the future, depending on how well things go.

"We'll assess whether there need to be additional advisers based on judgments on the ground going forward," one of the senior administration officials said.

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Democratic rebellion to sectarian conflict

Egyptian activist's shift to jihadist shows how discontent fuels Islamic State

By ERIN CUNNINGHAM
The Washington Post

CAIRO — Photos of the Islamic State fighter show a fearsome-faced man, clad all in black with a full beard and an assault weapon.

He died this year on an Iraqi battlefield, blown to pieces by a bomb, fellow fighters say.

But like any number of Islamist militants, this jihadist was once a very different person.

Ahmed al-Darawi had been a young political hopeful in Egypt. A 38-year-old father of two, he had loved fashion and soccer. In his 20s, he had been a police officer and then a sports marketer for a telecommunications firm. But in the years since Egypt's 2011 uprising, in which he was an ideologic participant, he morphed from a prominent rights activist into a die-hard fighter for the Islamic State.

The news last month of his death shocked friends and colleagues. But his transformation — from aspiring parliamentarian to battle-hardened jihadist — has underscored the myriad ills driving thousands in the region to take up arms in the name of one of the world's most feared militant organizations. The Islamic State now holds wide swaths of territory in Syria and Iraq.

"How sweet life is between the Quran and my Kalashnikov," reads a Feb. 24 post from a Twitter account that researchers who study jihadist groups online believe belonged to Darawi.

In many ways, his story reflects the devastating path the Arab world has taken in recent years: from the promise of democratic rebellion to the horrors of sectarian conflict.

The inability of Arab governments to "address social ills and give their citizens a sense of national identity" in the wake of the Arab uprisings has turned many like Darawi to the embrace of the Islamic State, said Kamal Habib, co-founder of the Egyptian militant group Islamic Jihad.

Habib has since renounced violence and works as an Islamic scholar. He said the Islamic State, which has implemented a strict interpretation of Sharia, offers the disenfranchised the hope of a just society based on Islamic rather than civic principles.

"They think the Islamic State will give them the respect they don't get as nationals of their own countries," he said. "It gives them structure, and a place where they can search for meaning. It's an alternative to the failed states we see now."

Although Darawi appears to have adopted the jihadists' goal of a pan-Islamic state before he died, he had been a central figure in the web of activists that emerged from the revolt in Cairo's Tahrir Square.

As a former police officer, Darawi served as a key liaison between pro-democracy demonstrators and the Interior Ministry officials whom they wanted to implement police reform. Darawi had resigned from the police force in 2007 to protest the deep-rooted corruption he said permeated the security apparatus.

"I want to tell you that you're part of the people. Don't be an enemy of the revolution," he said to Egyptian policemen in 2012 during a television appearance on a private satellite channel.

In those heady days of optimism and political freedom, Darawi decided to run for parliament. But the seat he contested was granted to a longtime supporter of the regime Darawi had sought to oust, amid widespread accusations of fraud.

A court ruling to dissolve Egypt's first

freely elected legislature later that year angered Darawi, his brother said. The last time Darawi was politically active, colleagues said, is when he campaigned for a moderate Islamist politician, Abdel Moneim Abotouh, in the presidential election in 2012.

"He was a big believer in the idea that 'Islam is the solution,' but not through taking up arms," said Sherif Hassan, a sports journalist who knew Darawi when he worked at the multinational telecommunications firm Etsalcat.

But political infighting and polarization had begun to tear at the unity that marked Egypt's rebellion against a repressive regime, and the ideological rifts between Islamists and their liberal and leftist counterparts deepened. It was then that Darawi, while critical of the Muslim Brotherhood group that swept to power, began to express increasingly Islamist positions on political and social issues, activists say.

"You could tell his ideas were not very pluralist when it came to society," said one Egyptian activist who knew Darawi and spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the government's crackdown on Islamists.

"He had some very problematic stances on Sharia-based ideas of legislation," the activist said.

Darawi withdrew from the political scene, telling colleagues he planned to travel to the United States for medical treatment.

By then, the rebellion in Syria had morphed into a bloody armed conflict that eventually would collapse into an even deadlier civil war. And the Islamist groups that flourished here in the post-uprising period already were facilitating the travel of Egyptian fighters to the battlefield.

Why Darawi finally decided to leave Egypt for the life of a militant remains a mystery, family members and friends said. Darawi's younger brother, Haythem, said Darawi told the family that he was traveling to Turkey, also for health reasons, in 2013.

It became increasingly difficult to reach Darawi after that, Haythem said, and his brother kept changing his Turkish cellphone number.

Hassan, the journalist, saw Darawi on a flight from Cairo to Istanbul in June 2013. He said they chatted about the growing opposition to Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi, a former Muslim Brotherhood leader who would be toppled by the army just a few weeks later.

"He seemed indifferent" to the political situation in Egypt, Hassan said. "He didn't seem to care."

A few months after that, online posts show, Darawi would surface as the commander of a rebel brigade in Syria's Latakia province.

He assumed a nom de guerre: Abu Muadh al-Masri. His brigade, the Lions of the Caliphate, eventually would pledge allegiance to the Islamic State.

"With God's blessing, we will plant

the tree of ISIS and it will bear fruit," reads a March 6 post from Darawi's alleged Twitter account. ISIS is a commonly used name for the Islamic State group, which declared a caliphate in June in the territories under its control.

Another post on Feb. 14 expressed frustration about the lingering nationalism hindering the establishment of a cross-border Islamic state.

"How can it be a caliphate," the post reads, "everyone refuses to be ruled by anyone but someone from their own country?"

"How will we liberate al-Aqsa [the Muslim holy site in Jerusalem] if they say we will apply Sharia but not infringe on others' borders," it continues, in a swipe at the Islamist movements that confine their politics to the domestic arena.

The anonymous author of an account of Darawi's time in Syria and Iraq that was posted to the same Islamic State site that announced his death last month said Darawi struggled to finance his brigade after the military coup in Egypt against

Morsi.

The Egyptian government's crackdown on Islamists disrupted the flow of cash to Syria, said the author, who described himself as a fellow jihadist. It was five months after Morsi's overthrow, in November 2013, that Darawi and his fighters defected to the Islamic State.

Haythem said his family received an anonymous phone call notifying them of Darawi's death in May. He "left his wife & children behind seeking Allah's pleasure with a martyrdom op,"

one pro-Islamic State Twitter user — whose account has since been suspended — posted of Darawi on Oct. 23.

At what point Darawi shifted to Iraq, where jihadists say he blew himself up, is unclear. Haythem said he is now taking care of Darawi's wife and children.

Ahmed al-Darawi, seen in this undated photo, was a rights activist in Egypt before becoming a die-hard fighter for the Islamic State. He died this year in Iraq.

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EBOLA OUTBREAK

US names 5 bases as quarantine sites

By Travis J. Tritten
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon said Friday it has designated five military bases inside the U.S. and two in Europe as quarantine areas for troops returning from the Ebola-response mission in West Africa.

Servicemembers will be isolated for 21 days at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.; Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Hood and Fort Bliss, Texas; and Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va., to check for symptoms of the deadly virus, Pentagon press secretary Rear Adm. John Kirby said. Army garrisons in Baumholder, Germany, and Vicenza, Italy, will also be quarantine sites.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel ordered the three-week quarantine late last month for troops who spend time on the ground as part of the military's Operation United Assistance, which is supporting U.S. humanitarian aid efforts in hard-hit East African countries where nearly 5,000 have died.

Kirby said the quarantine sites have facilities that can offer twice-daily medical checks for the returning troops and were named as the military fine-tunes its response to the virus, which began in September.

Plans finalized Friday allow quarantine exemptions for servicemembers who travel through Africa briefly and have limited contact with people there, such as staff traveling with senior officials who are there for only a day or two, according to The Associated Press.

Under the new plans, civilians in the fight against Ebola will now be able to get medical treatment on military bases and free treatment from hospitals in the United States, Kirby said.

Defense Department personnel returning to Germany from Ebola-related missions in West Africa will first be screened upon touching down at Ramstein Air Base, according to the Army's 21st Theater Sustainment Command.

Anyone showing symptoms

that could potentially be related to Ebola, to include a fever equal to or greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, will be transferred to a secure facility at nearby Landstuhl Regional Medical Center for additional testing, the 21st TSC stated in a release.

Otherwise, troops not showing symptoms will spend the 21-day controlled monitoring period at one of four barracks-style buildings on Smith Barracks in Baumholder.

Use of Smith Barracks, however, is contingent upon host nation approval, the command said in a news release.

"The U.S. government is coordinating these measures with host nation officials," the 21st TSC stated.

More than 1,900 Defense Department personnel are deployed to Africa, with the majority in Liberia and a small contingent in Senegal. That total could climb to 4,000.

The military's newly built Monrovia Medical Unit in Liberia was set to open Saturday and will care for doctors and other health care workers fighting the disease. The U.S. hopes the 25-bed facility will encourage and reassure medical assistance.

Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Martin Dempsey has said the military mission will probably last 18 months, and feature six-month rotations for military personnel.

The epidemic is the largest outbreak in history and cases have appeared in the United States for the first time. The World Health Organization released new figures Friday showing the number of Ebola cases climbed to 13,268 with 4,960 reported deaths.

The military also announced Friday that it will add another 30 personnel to its rapid-response team created last month to help U.S. civilian health care providers in the event of more domestic Ebola cases. They begin training in Texas on Nov. 17 and will soon join the existing 30-person team, Kirby said.

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ABBAS DULLEN/AP

On the outskirts of Monrovia, Liberia, Ebola health care workers on Saturday bury the body of a person suspected of dying from the disease.

Americans calmer about Ebola

By ALLEN G. BREED
The Associated Press

Maybe it's the lack of new Ebola cases in the U.S. Maybe Americans have been distracted by other stories, like the elections. But experts say there are signs that Americans have retreated from widespread panic and have reached a kind of equilibrium when it comes to the hemorrhagic fever that is ravaging parts of West Africa.

Ebola is no longer dominating the news, but it isn't disappearing from the American public consciousness either, experts say.

"It may not be on the front page in news, but I think it's actually in the fabric now of the United States," said Bruce Johnson, president of SIM USA, the North Carolina-based Christian mission group that has been at the heart of the Ebola story since the outbreak started earlier this year.

When Johnson went to the doctor last week, among the questions he was asked was whether he had traveled internationally within the past 21 days — the incubation period for Ebola. Whether the disease is on page one or page three doesn't matter, he says.

"That's never been absent before

in the United States," said Johnson, whose organization brought hospital volunteer Nancy Writebol and Dr. Rick Sacra back to this country for treatment after Writebol was exposed in Liberia. "That's why I'm saying it's woven into our fabric now."

This is not to say that Americans are no longer interested in Ebola or no longer concerned. According to exit polling conducted for The Associated Press during last week's midterm elections, 59 percent of voters said they have followed news about Ebola extremely or very closely. Only 42 percent of voters approved of the government response to Ebola here at home.

News reports of suspected cases have declined. Last month, AP told its clients that it would report on suspected cases only if it had a solid source saying Ebola is suspected and some sense the case has caused serious disruption or reaction."

Last week, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene announced that it would not be giving updates on the more than 100 people there who were being monitored for possible Ebola unless one of them tests positive

for the disease.

"Time has shown the Ebola hospital admission rumor to be an unreliable threshold..." department spokesman Christopher Garrett wrote in an email. "As we head deeper into influenza season, we want people to guard themselves against a serious illness that poses a much more serious risk to Maryland's public health by getting flu vaccinations."

Dr. Albert Wu, a professor at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore, thinks the state's action is "very prudent."

Though Facebook added a button to its page last week to make it easier for users to donate to charities battling the disease, the American public's response to Ebola has not matched its reaction to other recent crises around the globe.

"I think anytime you deal with a disease, it's a little frightening to people," said Franklin Graham, president of the charity Samaritan's Purse, whose organization helped secure the evacuation from Liberia of one of its own stricken missionaries, Dr. Kent Brantly. "And so we move on to another subject."

Dallas reaches end of monitoring period, city breathes sigh of relief

By NAOAMAN MERCHANT
The Associated Press

DALLAS — Dallas calmly marked the end of its Ebola crisis on Friday when the last of the 177 people who were being monitored for symptoms of the deadly virus were to be cleared at midnight.

Thirty-eight days after Thomas Eric Duncan was diagnosed with Ebola in a local hospital, officials

expressed relief and resolve that they were prepared if anything similar — with its resulting panic, fear and constant media attention — ever happened again.

"It's a time to reflect on the sacrifices of our hometown health care heroes and the city, county and school district employees that worked so hard, along with our state and federal partners, to keep

us safe during the Ebola crisis," Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins said in a statement, calling it an early Thanksgiving for the city.

About 50 people who returned to Texas from West African countries where the virus has killed thousands will remain under monitoring.

The White House said President Barack Obama spoke to state and

local officials Friday and thanked them for their leadership.

Duncan was diagnosed with Ebola on Sept. 30, sending officials scrambling and residents fearing the worst. He died on Oct. 8 at Texas Presbyterian Hospital. Duncan's fiancée, Louise Troh, and three others were confined to their apartment where Duncan had been staying, before they

were moved to private housing.

While much of the city can breathe a sigh of relief, those closest to Duncan say they're still angry about his medical treatment and how some have blamed him for bringing Ebola to the United States.

Asked about Friday's milestone, Troh's thoughts were brief: "Thank God," she said.

NATION

High court to look at health act subsidies

By MARK SHERMAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court has agreed to hear a new challenge to President Barack Obama's health care law — a case that threatens subsidies that help millions of low- and middle-income people afford their health insurance premiums.

The justices said they will review a federal appeals court ruling that upheld IRS regulations that allow health insurance tax credits under the Affordable Care Act for consumers in all 50 states. Opponents argue that most of the subsidies are illegal.

The long-running political and legal campaign to overturn or limit the 2010 health overhaul will be making its second appearance at the Supreme Court. The justices upheld the heart of the law in a 5-4 decision in 2012 in which Chief Justice John Roberts provided the decisive vote.

The case probably will be argued the first week in March, with a decision expected by late June.

White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest promised a vigorous defense before the high court.

"This lawsuit reflects just another partisan attempt to undermine the Affordable Care Act and to strip millions of American families of tax credits that Congress intended for them to have," Earnest said.

In the appeal accepted Friday, opponents of the subsidies argue that the court should resolve the issue soon because it involves billions of dollars in public money.

"The need for a quick and final resolution of this question is undeniable. This 'subsidies-for-everyone' rule affects nearly every person across the country, health insurance policyholders, workers and employers, taxpayers, and state and local governments," said Sam Kazman, general counsel of the Competitive Enterprise Institute, which is paying for the legal challenges to the health care law.

The issue at the Supreme Court is whether the wording of the law limits insurance tax credits only to consumers who live in states that have set up their own insurance markets, known as exchanges.



President Barack Obama meets with congressional leaders, including House Speaker John Boehner, left, and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, right, at the White House in Washington on Friday.

Obama and GOP leaders break bread, but not ice

At postelection meeting, it's partisanship as usual

By MATTHEW DALY
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Disagreement wasn't supposed to be on the menu at the White House luncheon designed to bring together President Barack Obama and Republicans who will soon control the next Congress. Instead of cooperation, a fresh dispute found its way to the table.

Meeting on Friday with congressional leaders from both parties, Obama laid out three areas where they could work together before the end of the year: emergency funding to combat the Ebola outbreak, approval of a federal budget and quick action on spending to fight the Islamic State militant group.

House Speaker John Boehner had a quick reply, his office said: The president should back a Republican jobs bill as a starting place for bipartisan action. In addition, GOP leaders warned Obama not to take unilateral action on immigration policies. But the president stood by his plan to act.

Still, there were some signs of thawing. Boehner's office said the House speaker told Obama he was ready to work with the president on a new authorization for military force against the Islamic State militant group if Obama would build bipartisan support.

The White House announced soon after the lunch ended that the U.S. would send as many as 1,500 more troops to Iraq to serve as advisers. Obama is also asking Congress for more than \$5 billion to help fund the fight. The troops would not deploy until legislation passes and the president signs it.

The two-hour meeting was tense at times, accord-

ing to a senior House Republican aide.

Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid barely said a word, the aide said. At one point, as Boehner was making an argument on immigration, Obama responded that his patience was running out and Vice President Joe Biden interrupted to ask how long Republicans needed, the aide said.

A Democratic congressional aide said Obama was courteous but firm in asserting his prerogatives as president on immigration and other issues. While Republicans were asking the president not to take action, Obama repeatedly called on GOP leaders to move forward on an immigration bill, the aide said.

Obama's tone was upbeat as he opened the gathering with reporters present. He pledged to work on ending long-running partisan gridlock and to be open to Republican ideas. The president said the lunch was a chance to "explore where we can make progress" after Americans showed in the midterm elections that they wanted to see more accomplished in Washington.

Republicans attending the postelection lunch at Obama's invitation said they asked him for more time to work on legislation, but the president said his patience was running out. He underscored his intent to act on his own by the end of the year if they don't approve legislation to ease deportations before then and send it to him to sign.

The Republicans' approach "seemed to fall on deaf ears," Sen. John Cornyn of Texas said in an interview. "The president, instead of being contrite or saying in effect to America, 'I hear you,' as a result of the referendum on his policies that drove this last election, he seems unmoved and even defiant."

Republicans set to rule committees

By DONNA CASSATA
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Republicans poised to helm the major Senate committees when the GOP takes charge in January are intent on pushing back or undoing many of President Barack Obama's policies that benefited from a Democratic bulwark the last six years. The all-GOP Congress — Republicans also have a commanding majority in the House — gives the powerful Senate chairmen a newfound opportunity to steer legislation.

Here's a look at a few of the new leaders and their issues:

■ **Armed Services:** Helming the committee is the realization of a long-sought goal for Sen. John McCain, 78. The Arizona senator stands as one of Obama's fiercest critics on national security, casting the administration as weak and ineffective in countering threats overseas. He has repeatedly called for arming and training moderate Syrian rebels and favors more U.S. forces in Iraq to battle Islamic State militants.

McCain has been critical of Pentagon contracting and increased examination of defense manufacturers and acquisition policy is certain. The Pentagon can largely forget about scrapping the A-10 Warthog aircraft, which McCain heavily favors, and can expect close scrutiny of the costly F-35 fighter jet.

■ **Foreign Relations:** Tennessee Sen. Bob Corker, 62, has criticized Obama's foreign policy as tepid in dealing with Russia, Libya and Syria. Like several other Republicans on the panel, Corker also has deep reservations about the administration's negotiations with Iran over its nuclear program and could push new sanctions next year that target Tehran.

■ **Veterans Affairs:** Georgia Sen. Johnny Isakson, 69, has stressed mental health needs of veterans and voted in favor of a bill to provide two-year funding for veterans' benefits, so veterans would continue to receive benefits even in a government shutdown.

Aides say Isakson's priorities as chairman would include oversight of the new Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014. Isakson strongly supports a provision in the law that makes it easier for veterans to seek VA-paid care from local doctors. He also has said the new law provides an opportunity for VA to assess the quality of its leadership and management, and said under-performing executives and managers should be fired.

■ **Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:** Wisconsin Sen. Ron Johnson, 59, has been a tough questioner of administration officials about the deadly 2012 attack on the U.S. diplomatic outpost in Benghazi, Libya. The question will be whether the panel's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigation opens another Benghazi inquiry in Congress as well as other reviews of the Democratic administration.

Attorney general nominee pledges to 'safeguard' nation

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama introduced his choice for attorney general Saturday as an accomplished prosecutor from New York City who will carry on a "fierce commitment to equal justice."

Loretta Lynch, 55, would be the first black woman to serve

as attorney general. She would replace outgoing Attorney General Eric Holder, who was the first black head of the Justice Department.

Obama argued at a White House ceremony that it's "pretty hard to be more qualified" for the job of attorney general than the Brooklyn federal prosecutor.

"Loretta might be the only lawyer in America who battles mobsters and drug lords and terrorists, and still has the reputation for being a charming people person," Obama said to laughter.

Lynch said she was humbled and thrilled at the prospect of leading "the only Cabinet department named for an ideal."

"If I have the honor of being confirmed by the Senate, I will wake up every morning with the protection of the American people my first thought," she said. "And I will work every day to safeguard our citizens, our liberties, our rights, and this great nation which has given so much to me and my family."

NATION

Calif. police make arrest, release details of 2010 family slaying

By GILLIAN FLACCUS
The Associated Press

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — Authorities searched for the missing McStay family across California and into Mexico, and found their bodies in the desert a hundred miles from home.

They now say the family of four was slain before they ever left their house, and a man familiar to them was their killer.

Investigators believe that Joseph McStay, 40, his wife, Summer, 43, and their sons, Gianni, 4, and Joseph, 3, were bludgeoned to death in their

home in the San Diego County community of Fallbrook on Feb. 4, 2010, a San Bernardino County Sheriff John McMahon said Friday.



Merritt

Charles "Chase" Merritt, 57, a business associate of Joseph McStay, was charged with four counts of murder.

Merritt, who has served prison time for burglary and receiving stolen property, did not enter a plea during a brief court appearance and was due back in court next week.

His attorney, Robert Ponca, did not immediately return a call or email.

Authorities refused to discuss a motive or any further details of how the family was killed, or evidence found at the home or at the site of the shallow graves 100 miles to the north where their skeletal remains were found by an off-roader late last year near Victorville and Interstate 15.

Tearful family members said the arrest brought them some peace but left many questions.

"Joseph was a great brother, a great father," Joseph McStay's brother, Michael McStay, said as he choked back tears. "He would've done anything to protect those boys and Summer and he tried to help Chase and provide work for this guy and this is how he was repaid. ... He'll get what he's got coming to him."

There was no "smoking gun" that helped solve the case after so many days, said San Bernardino County sheriff's Sgt. Chris Fisher.

Rather, the agency re-examined 4,500 pages of evidence handed over by authorities in San Diego County, where the probe began, served 60 search warrants and did 200 interviews. Evidence found at the gravesite also helped, Fisher said, declining to elaborate.

"Our job is to look at everyone and eliminate who we could and see where this was going to take us — and it led us to him," he said of Merritt.

Bennett Merritt, Merritt's brother, said in a brief phone interview that his sibling was "absolutely not guilty."

Joseph McStay designed and installed home water features. Investigators said he had asked Merritt, who owned a waterfall company, to design some special waterfalls, and the two met at a restaurant on the day the family is believed to have been killed.

Merritt's name had surfaced previously in the investigation. In 2011, Merritt told investigators that Joseph McStay's last cell-phone conversation was to him. Fisher said investigators had interviewed Merritt several times but declined to say what information he provided.

The long, convoluted investigation began when the family vanished from their home without a trace. At the time, detectives said it appeared they had fled at a moment's notice.

5th teen dies following Wash. school shooting

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — A fifth teenager has died as a result of a Washington state high school shooting two weeks ago that began when a student opened fire in the cafeteria.

Harborview Medical Center in Seattle said Andrew Fryberg, 15, died of his wounds Friday evening.

Zoe Galasso, 14, was killed during the shooting Oct. 24, by a popular freshman at Marysville-Pilchuck High School.

Gia Soriano, 14, died Oct. 26 at Providence Regional Medical Center in Everett and 14-year-old Shantea Chuckulnasiet died Oct. 31 at the Everett hospital.

The shooter, Jaylen Fryberg,

died of a self-inflicted wound.

"We express our thanks for the amazing support from the community, as well as from everyone around the world that have been praying for us all through this tragic event," Andrew Fryberg's family said in a statement released by the hospital. The family also thanked "all the amazing staff" who cared for the boy at Harborview's pediatric intensive care unit. The relatives asked for privacy.

Andrew Fryberg was the last wounded student still hospitalized.

On Thursday, Nate Hatch, 14, was released from Harborview and returned home. He had been shot in the jaw.



RIK EGAN, THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE/AP

A family member returns home with a girl after the girl's stepfather rescued her from a man who tried to kidnap her on Friday in Sandy, Utah.

'He took my daughter'

Couple happens to wake up in time for stepfather to stop burglar from kidnapping their 5-year-old

By BRADY MCCOMBS
The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — A set of Utah parents were awakened to an unsettling noise for 4:30 in the morning: the sound of their front door opening and their 5-year-old daughter talking.

When the father rushed outside in his pajama pants and hoodie Friday, he saw the terrifying sight of his 5-year-old stepdaughter in the arms of a stranger who was carrying her away across the front lawn. The man had snatched the girl out of her bed in the basement moments earlier after coming in the house through an unlocked door, police said.

The father confronted the man, demanding that he give the girl back. Without a fight, the intruder handed her over, and then fled the scene.

"There was a man in my home and he took my 5-year-old daughter," said the mother, crying, in a 911 call moments later. "I happened to wake up and he had my daughter outside. My husband ran out there and got her from him. But he took my daughter."

"But do you have your daughter back now?" said the dispatcher. "Yeah, but he's out there somewhere," she said. "He came in my home ... He took my daughter from my house."

A man later identified as Troy Morley, 48, of Roy, Utah, was caught two blocks away after breaking into another house in a middle-class neighborhood in the

Salt Lake City suburb of Sandy. Morley was arrested and booked on charges of child kidnapping, burglary, trespassing and resisting arrest.

The 5-year-old girl wasn't hurt in the frightening experience, but the incident has evoked haunting echoes of when 14-year-old Elizabeth

Smart was snatched out of her Salt Lake City bedroom in 2002. She was held captive for nine months before being found.

The abduction attempt was not targeted, but a random incident, said Sandy Police Sgt. Dean Carriger. The family said they don't know Morley.

The intruder was in the family's basement searching through things when he came upon the girl sleeping in her bedroom, Carriger said. Police don't know what his motive was.

After the 911 call, officers set up a perimeter, and with the help of police dogs, launched a search. The suspect went into a second home two blocks away through a doggy door in an attempt to evade capture. The dogs at that house alerted the residents, who yelled at police already in the area to come get him.

Police captured Morley outside

the second home thanks to a police dog that bit the suspect in the upper shoulder, Carriger said.

Morley isn't on Utah's sex offender registry and online court records only show a pair of divorces and DUI charges.

The family of the girl declined to talk about the experience through family spokesman Miles Holman, who said they are doing well considering the circumstances. Holman called it a miracle that the parents woke up in time.

"Thirty seconds later and it would have been all over," Holman said. "He would have been long gone."

About 45 miles north in Roy, where Morley lived, neighbors said they weren't the least bit surprised to find out the man known as a super creep had been accused of trying to abduct a girl.

Next-door neighbor Andrea Shearer, 33, said she forbade her children to interact with Morley after a series of bizarre and inappropriate conversations. Shearer said Morley had been caught sneaking into backyards, including hers. She obtained a no-trespass order on him from police.

She said she believes Morley had a meth addiction. He talked about a satanic cult causing his wife to leave him and having critics crawling through the attic, she said.

"He scared me. I'm so glad he's gone," said Shearer, a health care professional. "You always hear people saying about their neighbor that they seemed so quiet and normal. Not him, I'm not surprised."



Morley

NATION

SpaceShipTwo pilot's survival is 'no minor miracle'

Pilot in similar '66 crash had features missing in Virgin craft: pressurized suit, ejection seat

By BRIAN MELLEY
The Associated Press

MOJAVE, Calif. — There were no ejection seats and no easy ways out of SpaceShipTwo if disaster struck.

As the doomed flight rocketed past the speed of sound some eight miles high and then shattered seconds later, the odds of survival were slim. Remarkably, as sections of the cockpit, fuselage, a wing and a motor rained down over the Mojave Desert and pieces of the lightweight craft tumbled enough to travel 35 miles were picked up by the winds, a single parachute was seen in the sky.

Pilot Peter Siebold was alive and drifting to safety.

"It's no minor miracle that he did survive and survive in relatively good shape," Virgin Galactic chief executive George Whitesides said last week.

How Siebold, 43, outlasted the fall from extreme altitude a week ago while co-pilot Mike Alsbury, 39, died is not yet clear, but Siebold is not the first to live through such a harrowing ordeal.

Bill Weaver has been telling a similar story for decades.

The former Lockheed test pilot was torn from the seat of an SR-71 Blackbird at 78,800 feet above New Mexico on Jan. 25, 1966. The plane was going more than triple the speed of sound.

As Weaver barked into a turn, a malfunction caused one engine to lose thrust. He lost control of

the jet and knew he was in trouble as the plane began to pitch and break up. He didn't have time to be scared.

"I knew we were going to just be along for the ride," he said.

Weaver tried to radio to the reconnaissance and navigations officer in the backseat that there was no way to safely bail out, so they should stick with the plane and eject when it got lower. But the severe gravitational forces made his speech unintelligible and then he blacked out.

The whole event to that point took two to three seconds.

When Weaver regained consciousness, he first thought he was dreaming. With the face plate on his helmet ejection over from temperatures as cold as minus-55 degrees, he could only see a hazy, white light and in a detached sense of euphoria, he thought he was dead. He was relieved when he realized he was alive and plunging toward Earth.

"I had no idea how I got out of the airplane," he said. "I had no idea how long I had been free-falling. Had no idea how high I was or how I was."

How Siebold got out of SpaceShipTwo is also unknown, according to National Transportation Safety Board Acting Chairman Christopher Hart, who said the pilot hadn't been interviewed because he's recovering from injuries originally characterized as moderate to major.

Initial findings show the Vir-



LENNY IGONELI/AP

Bill Weaver, 85, stands Thursday in Carlsbad, Calif., next to artwork depicting the SR-71 Blackbird spy plane that he flew as a test pilot in 1966. Weaver survived being torn from his seat on a 1966 test flight of the spy craft going more than 2,400 mph at 78,800 feet.

gin Galactic plane designed to take tourists for \$250,000 joyrides beyond the edge of Earth's atmosphere broke apart after the craft's re-entry braking system prematurely activated during its rocket blast, Hart said.

Alsbury had unlocked the system earlier than called for. A second lever must be moved to engage the system, but it deployed on its own for some unknown reason. The craft broke up a few seconds later.

SpaceShipTwo did not have ejection seats, but there was an evacuation procedure.

Typically, the pilot would stay with the controls and the co-pilot would depressurize the cabin and then they would both unbuckle and bail out with parachutes, said Brian Binnie, a former test pilot for Scaled Composites, which designed and built the craft for Virgin.

But an aircraft that violently tears apart around you isn't something you prepare for.

"All bets are off. Now you're back to DNA. What do you think is your next best move? If you've been knocked out or unconscious, you don't have a next best move," said Binnie, who flew five times in the spaceship and knew the pilots.

"Peter, whatever he did, in my mind, he had a patron saint of a particular strength or influence."

The biggest initial challenge in surviving such a disaster would be a windblast of about 500 mph that could blow off eyelids, tear off limbs and snap vertebrae if Siebold was thrown from the craft, said Dr. John Ogle, an Air Force flight surgeon who has investigated plane ejections and crashes.

Ogle suspects Siebold probably stayed with some of the wreckage, such as his seat, which would have slowed his fall. Siebold would have faced the triple threat of lack of oxygen, extreme cold and intense air pressure as he fell at a rate of about 300 mph, he said.

Weaver, 85, is understated as

he speaks of the event he called "kind of alarming."

He attributes his survival to a miracle and also the protection his pressurized suit provided as he was ripped from his ejection seat. The suit kept his blood from boiling under the extremely low pressure of the altitude and provided necessary oxygen and some degree of warmth to weather the nearly 15 mile-high fall.

Siebold and Alsbury didn't have pressurized suits, Whitesides said, though they did have extra oxygen. Whitesides said he hadn't spoken with Siebold yet.

As Weaver fell, he managed to open the iced-up face plate on his helmet to see where he was. At that point, his parachute deployed automatically and he was thrilled to see the canopy of his colleague, Jim Zwayer.

When he landed in the desert largely unscathed, however, he learned that Zwayer was dead. His neck had snapped when the plane ripped apart.

Powerful ocean storm blasts Alaskan islands

By RACHEL D'ORO
The Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Near hurricane-strength winds blasted parts of Alaska's Aleutian Islands as the remnants of Typhoon Nuri moved through the remote region hundreds of miles from the mainland.

Sustained winds of 70 mph and gusts up to 96 mph were recorded Friday morning on Shemya Island, where 120 people had locked themselves indoors to wait out the storm.

The island is home to the U.S. military's Eareckson Air Station, which serves mainly as an early-warning radar installation. Acting manager Don Llewellyn said no one was going outside, but people can sight poles waving.

But toward evening, the winds

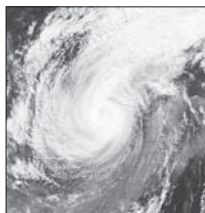
had eased enough to allow personnel to get outside to check for any storm damage, said Tommie Baker, public affairs officer for the Alaskan Command.

"A couple of the buildings had some minor damage, but there were no injuries," he said. "They are going to let it pass through a little bit more and (then) go out and do a full island assessment."

He estimated that by 5 p.m. Friday, sustained winds had dropped to 45-65 mph with gusts of 80 mph.

The brunt of the storm is expected to pass into the Bering Sea and to lose strength, but forecasters warned it will still push unseasonably frigid air into much of the U.S. next week.

"It's going to slowly weaken all the way through Sunday," Nation-



PROVIDED BY NASA/AP

A remnant of Typhoon Nuri, bearing wind gusts up to 96 mph, hit parts of Alaska's Aleutian Islands on Friday.

al Weather Service meteorologist Jason Ahsenmacher said. "It's going to be a very slow process."

Forecasters said waves could be as high as 50 feet, prompting ships and fishing vessels to get out of the storm's path or seek protected harbors.

Judge gives OK for plan that clears Detroit from bankruptcy

The Associated Press

DETROIT — A judge cleared Detroit to emerge from bankruptcy Friday, approving a turnaround plan that will require discipline after years of corruption, mismanagement and an exodus of residents brought this one-time industrial powerhouse to financial ruin.

Judge Steven Rhodes brought the case to a close a remarkably speedy 16 months after Detroit became the biggest city in U.S. history to file for bankruptcy.

The plan calls for cutting the pensions of 12,000 non-public-safety retirees by 4.5 percent, erasing \$7 billion of debt and spending \$1.7 billion to demolish thousands of blighted buildings, to make the city safer and to improve long-neglected basic

services.

The Motor City was brought down by a combination of factors, including misrule at City Hall, a long decline in the auto industry, and a flight to the suburbs that caused the population to plummet to 688,000 from 1.2 million in 1980. The exodus has turned entire neighborhoods into desolate, boarded-up landscapes. Detroit didn't have enough tax revenue to cover pensions, retiree health insurance and buckets of debt sold to keep the budget afloat.

Rhodes praised decisions that settled the most contentious issues in the bankruptcy case, including a deal to prevent the sell-off of world-class art at the Detroit Institute of Arts and a consensus that prevented pension cuts from getting even worse for thousands of retirees.

WORLD

N. Korea releases 2 US detainees

By MARK SHERMAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The two remaining Americans who had been held in North Korea have been released and are on their way home, U.S. officials said Saturday.

A spokesman for Director of National Intelligence James Clapper said Clapper was accompanying Americans Kenneth Bae and Matthew Miller on their journey back to the United States.

Bae and Miller were the last Americans held by North Korea following the release last month

of Jeffrey Fowle, an Ohio resident detained for nearly six months.

Miller, who's from Bakersfield, Calif., was serving a six-year jail term on charges of espionage after he allegedly ripped his tourist visa at Pyongyang's airport in April and demanded asylum. North Korea said Miller had wanted to experience prison life so that he could secretly investigate North Korea's human rights situation.

Bae, who's from Lynnwood, Wash., is a Korean-American missionary with health problems. He was serving a 15-year

sentence for alleged anti-government activities. He was detained in 2012 while leading a tour group to a North Korea economic zone.

Fowle had been detained after leaving a Bible in a nightclub in the hope that it would reach the country's underground Christian community.

The announcement about Bae and Miller came one day before President Barack Obama travels to Asia for a three-country visit.

The development does not mean a change in U.S. posture regarding North Korea's disputed nuclear program, and the North

still must show it is serious and ready to abide by commitments toward denuclearization and improved human rights, said a senior Obama administration official who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss national security matters.

The official said there was no quid pro quo involved in the Americans' release.

The U.S. notified allies about Clapper's trip to North Korea and alerted members of the congressional leadership once his visit was underway, the official said.

Report: Man firing on Sudan palace killed

KHARTOUM, Sudan — Sudanese media is reporting that a man has opened fire outside of the presidential palace in the capital, Khartoum, prompting an exchange of fire that killed him.

The semi-official Sudan Media Center website said the unidentified man approached palace guards with a rifle Saturday, stabbing one and snatching his weapon. The website says the man opened fire, injuring the same guard and another.

The center said other guards then opened fire on the man, killing him. There was no official comment from the presidency or the state-run SUNA news agency on the incident.

It was unclear if President Omar al-Bashir was at the palace at the time.

Militant leader explains targeting Egypt soldiers

CAIRO — A leader of a Sinai-based extremist group has said his militants killed Egyptian soldiers because they serve an apostate army and those who are fighting Israel and killing Muslims.

Abu Osama al-Masri, the leader of Ansar Beit al-Maqdis, or Champions of Jerusalem, made the statement in an audio recording released on the group's Twitter account late Friday. His group has claimed a series of deadly attacks targeting Egyptian security forces since the military's ouster of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi last year.

The recording sounded like previous messages released by al-Masri and corresponded with other Associated Press reporting.

US: Iran nuke deal not linked to other issues

BEIJING — The top U.S. diplomat described "real gaps" Saturday in waning negotiations to limit Iran's nuclear program, but steadfastly denied that any deal struck would also bring a promise of stronger cooperation between Washington and Tehran on fighting Islamic militants.

Despite the urgency to end years of negotiations by a looming Nov. 24 deadline, Secretary of State John Kerry said that there was no linkage between the nuclear talks and even an indirect U.S.-Iran partnership to combat the Islamic State group that has ravaged much of Iraq and Syria.

Easing of Saudi ban on female drivers possible

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — It's not just for women over 30, who must be off the road by 8 p.m. and cannot wear makeup behind the wheel. But it's still a startling shift.

The Saudi king's advisory council has recommended that the government lift its ban on female drivers, a member of the council told The Associated Press Friday.

The Shura Council's recommendations are not obligatory on the government, but simply making the recommendation was a major step. For years, Saudi women staunchly rejecting any review of the ban.

From The Associated Press

Mexico: Gang likely burned 43 missing students

By JACOBO G. GARCIA
The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Drug gang members have described a horrific effort to make 43 college students disappear, piling their bodies like cord wood on a pyre that burned for 15 hours and then wading into the ashes to pulverize, bag and dispose of remaining teeth and bones.

In a somber presentation, Attorney General Jesus Murillo Karam laid out on Friday what investigators think happened to the students who have not been seen since being attacked by police Sept. 26 in the southern city of Iguala.

He played video of purported gang members confessing to the killings and telling what they did. Another video showed hundreds of charred fragments of bone and teeth that had been dumped in and along the San Juan River in the neighboring town of Cocula.

The attorney general said the state of the remains will make it hard to say definitely whether they are the students.

"The high level of degradation caused by the fire in the remains make it very difficult to extract the DNA that will allow an identification," Murillo Karam said at a news conference.

He said authorities were putting their last hope with a specialized laboratory in Austria. It is not known how long the process could



ALEJANDRO GONZALEZ/AP

A man holds a newspaper showing a photo of former Iguala, Mexico, Mayor Jose Luis Abarca during a news conference Friday by the relatives of the missing students on the campus of the Raul Isidro Burgos Rural Normal School of Ayotzinapa, in the town of Tixtla de Guerrero.

take.

Police officers who took away the students after the confrontation in Iguala allegedly handed the young men over to the Guerreros Unidos cartel. Gang members apparently thought the students were members of a rival gang or believed they had been sent to disrupt a public event held by the wife of the Iguala mayor, who is alleged to have ties with the gang.

Murillo Karam said there is no evidence the students were involved in organized crime.

Some 74 people have been detained so far in the case. Authorities say it started when police, under orders of then-Iguala Mayor Jose Luis Abarca, opened fire on students who were in Iguala collecting donations and had commandeered public buses. Six people were killed in two confrontations before the 43 students were taken away and allegedly handed over to Guerreros Unidos.

Abarca and his wife, who were captured Tuesday after weeks of being on the run, are among those in custody.

Parents reacting to Murillo Karam's report said they have lost trust in anything the government says.

"As long as there are no results, our sons are alive," said Felipe de la Cruz, the father of one of the disappeared. "Today they're trying to close the case this way ... a blatant way to further our torture by the federal government."

Until there are identifications, Mexico could remain on edge, as it has since the disappearances six weeks ago in Iguala, which is in Guerrero state. People have held angry marches across Mexico and in other countries, and protesters have sacked or burned public buildings in the Guerrero state capital and also attacked properties owned by Abarca.

According to confessions made by suspects to prosecutors, the killing of the students was on an industrial scale: They were driven to killing grounds in a dump truck so tightly packed that about 15 of the young men suffocated to death. The others were then slain, apparently shot to death, and all were burned by a fire fueled by gasoline, diesel, wood, plastic and old tires.

Ukraine rebels seen moving large military convoys

By NATALIYA VASILYEVA
The Associated Press

SNIZHNE, Ukraine — Associated Press reporters saw more than 80 unmarked military vehicles on the move Saturday in rebel-controlled areas of eastern Ukraine, indicating that intensified hostilities may lie ahead.

Three separate columns were seen — one near the main separatist stronghold of Donetsk and two outside the town of Snizhne, 50 miles further east. The vehicles were mainly transportation trucks, some of them carrying small- and large-caliber artillery systems, and at least one armored

personnel carrier. Several of the trucks were seen to be carrying troops.

Ukrainian officials said last week that they believe rebel forces have received substantial consignments of weaponry and manpower from Russia. Moscow denies such claims.

It was not immediately possible to establish the provenance of the vehicles seen Saturday. Separatists have always insisted they are armed with equipment captured from Ukrainian forces, but the sheer scale and quality of their armaments have strained the credibility of that claim.

Ukrainian National Security

and Defense Council spokesman Volodymyr Poleyov said rebel reinforcements have also been observed moving toward front-line locations about 95 miles northeast of Donetsk, in the Luhansk region.

Poleyov said rebel authorities are boosting their ranks by forcibly mobilizing residents in a number of occupied towns.

Despite a cease-fire reached in September, Ukrainian and rebel troops engage on a regular basis, with some of the heaviest fighting focused on Donetsk airport.

One government paratrooper was killed Friday by a sniper at the airport, military authorities

said in a statement. Poleyov said two other Ukrainian troops were killed on the same day, but gave no details.

In Beijing, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov met Saturday on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation conference for what was expected to be a discussion about the unrest in eastern Ukraine.

Asked if Russia still respects the legitimacy of the cease-fire agreement, Lavrov said it is for the "rebels and the government" of Ukraine to finalize a disengagement line — a process that he said is continuing.

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ACTIVISION BLIZZARD INC./AP

Manuel Noriega as depicted in the 2012 game, "Call of Duty: Black Ops II." A Los Angeles judge last week dismissed Noriega's lawsuit against Activision Blizzard Inc. Superior Court Judge William Fahey ruled that Activision had created a complex and multifaceted game that relied very little on Noriega.

Celebrity publicity: It's not a game

By KAL RAUSTIALA
AND CHRISTOPHER SPRIGMAN

Former Panamanian strongman Manuel Noriega and actress Lindsay Lohan have at least one thing in common: Both recently filed high-profile lawsuits against major video game makers, charging that their likenesses were used in games without their permission.

These suits may seem like acts of desperation by people now more notorious than famous, and a judge has already ruled against Noriega. But they are nevertheless extremely worrying.

Lohan and Noriega are part of an increasing trend of celebrities asking the courts to censor speech about them. And if any of these suits is successful, the implications are not limited to video games. Filmmakers, writers, artists, even musicians — all will have to worry about how they invoke the names and likenesses of famous people in their creative work. The basis of these claims is something called "the right of publicity." Perhaps most often asserted here in the celebrity epicenter of California, the right protects individuals against the unauthorized use of their likenesses for commercial purposes. The general aim is to ensure that unscrupulous purveyors of goods can't just Photograph a celebrity into an advertisement, for example, without getting approval (and a licensing deal) first.

Lohan contends that the wildly popular game "Grand Theft Auto V" did exactly that, appropriating her likeness in creating the game character Lacey Jonas.

Lohan's lawyers argue that the game "incorporated her image, likeness, clothing, outfits ... (and) ensemble the form of hats, hair style, sunglasses, jean shorts."

The complaint notes that "the game also features Hotel Chateau Marmont in West Hollywood, a place where (Lohan) once lived and often frequents." Lohan is asking the judge to order the game's maker, Rockstar Games, to remove the images and pay her damages.

The character does vaguely resemble Lohan — but she also looks and acts like thousands of other young women in Southern California. Rockstar denies that it imitated Lohan's voice or likeness.

Noriega's suit against "Call of Duty:

Black Ops II" is similar, though with a twist: Activision, the game's maker, has admitted to using Noriega's image.

But it maintained that it has the right to include Noriega, who was convicted in federal court of money laundering and drug trafficking, in a game that includes narco-terrorism in its story line.

Noriega's appearance in the "Call of Duty" game, Activision argued, is speech protected by the First Amendment. On Tuesday, a California judge agreed and dismissed the case. It was a welcome decision, but the ruling is subject to appeal.

These should be easy cases. Lindsay Lohan doesn't have the right to veto the appearance of pretty, curvy young women in video games. Nor should notorious criminal Manuel Noriega be permitted to censor depictions of his notorious criminality.

The problem is that the law in this area does not follow common sense. Prior rulings have given both Lohan and Noriega reason to believe they might ultimately succeed.

In 2009, the band No Doubt sued Activision over the use of its members as characters in the game "Band Hero." In that case, a deal between the game maker and the musicians was already in place; the suit turned on whether the depictions went beyond what the band had agreed to. Though the case was eventually settled out of court, it added weight to the idea that the right of publicity can be used by individuals to police their depictions in works of art.

And in 2013, the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals held that NCAA athletes could sue game maker Electronic Arts for their depictions in various sports games. The First Amendment provided no bar to the suit, said the court. The parties settled, with the firm eventually paying \$40 million to the players.

As these cases suggest, courts have been quite receptive to the idea that the right of publicity can be wielded by celebrities against the makers of creative works.

Yet while nearly all these cases involve video games, there is no legal reason that this principle is limited to games. Indeed, in the case involving the athletes, the federal appeals court emphasized that "video games are entitled to the full protections of the First Amendment."

But if games are no different from films

or books, what stops anyone depicted in a ripped-from-the-headlines movie, or a hard-hitting unauthorized biography, from suing the creators?

Consider 2010's "The Social Network." The film about the creation of Facebook was justly praised, winning three Oscars. Yet it was not without critics — most notably Mark Zuckerberg himself, who said the film was misleading and full of inaccuracies. Could Zuckerberg sue the producers and distributors of "The Social Network" for violating his rights of publicity? For that matter, could Tom Cruise sue Andrew Morton, the author of "Tom Cruise: An Unauthorized Biography"?

Part of the problem is that so many cases to date have involved video games. And judges, who — to put it politely — are typically advanced in years, appear to have little understanding of the cultural and even artistic importance of games, or the ways in which they comment on social issues.

Judges tend to see games as products that exploit celebrity likenesses — not as art forms worthy of protection by the First Amendment.

To be sure, the right of publicity exists for a reason: Likenesses can be misused, and individuals ought to have some way to stop others from trading on their image for gain.

But that right must be properly balanced with respect for freedom of expression.

Lawsuits such as Lohan's and Noriega's make one thing clear: The right of publicity has metastasized into a threat to artistic freedom.

The Constitution's framers rightly put the First Amendment first, in the belief that freedom of expression was the paramount right of a free people. While rights of publicity have a legitimate narrow application, courts must take a much more skeptical approach to broad assertions of these rights that limit legitimate commentary and storytelling.

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OPINION

Clinton not what fired-up Democrats want

By GEORGE F. WILL

NOW that two of the last three Democratic presidencies have been emphatically judged to have been failures, the world's oldest political party — the primary architect of this nation's administrative state — has some thinking to do. The accumulating evidence that the Democratic Party is an exhausted volcano includes its fixation with stale ideas, such as the supreme importance of a 23rd increase in the minimum wage. Can this party be so blinkered by the modest success of its third recent presidency, Bill Clinton's, that it will sleepwalk into the next election behind Hillary Clinton?

In 2016, she will have won just two elections in her 69 years, the last one 10 years previously. Ronald Reagan won 10 years from his second election to his presidential victory at age 69, but do Democrats want to wager their most precious possession, the presidential nomination, on the proposition that Clinton has political talents akin to Reagan's?

In October, Clinton was campaigning, with characteristic futility, for Martha Coakley, the losing candidate for Massachusetts governor, when she said: "Don't let anybody tell you that it's corporations and businesses that create jobs." Watch her on YouTube. When saying this, she glances down, not at a text but at notes, and proceeds with the hesitancy of someone gathering her thoughts. She is not reading a speechwriter's blunder. When she said those 13 words she actually was *thinking*.

You may be wondering, to use eight other Clinton words that will reverberate for a long time: "What difference at this point

does it make?" This difference: Although she says her 13 words "short-handed" her thinking, what weird thinking can they be shorthand for?

Yuval Levin, whose sharp thinking was honed at the University of Chicago's Committee on Social Thought, is editor of the National Affairs quarterly and author of two books on science and public policy and, most recently, of "The Great Debate: Edmund Burke, Thomas Paine, and the Birth of Right and Left." He is one of conservatism's most sophisticated and measured explicators, so his biting assessment of Clinton is especially notable:

"She is smart, tough and savvy and has a capacity to learn from failure and adjust. But ... people are bored of her and feel like she has been talking at them forever. ... She is a dull, grating, inauthentic, over-eager, insipid elitist with ideological blinders yet no particular vision and is likely to be reduced to running on a dubious promise of experience and competence while faking idealism and hope — a very common type of political contender in both parties, but one that almost always loses."

Her husband promised "a bridge to the 21st century." She promises a bridge back to the 1990s. Or perhaps to 1988 and the "competence" candidacy of Michael Dukakis, which at least did not radiate, as hers will, a cloying aura of entitlement.

The energy in her party — in its nominating electorate — is well to her left, as will be the center of political gravity in the smaller and more liberal Democratic Senate caucus that will gather in January. There is, however, evidence that the left is too untethered from reality to engage in effective politics. For example:

Billionaire Tom Steyer's environmental



angst is implausibly focused on the supposed planetary menace of the Keystone XL pipeline. His NextGen Climate super PAC disbursed more than \$60 million to candidates who shared — or pretended to in order to get his money — his obsession. The result? The gavel of the Environment and Public Works Committee is coming into the hands of Oklahoma's Jim Inhofe, the Senate's most implacable skeptic about large-scale and predictable climate change driven by human behavior.

Is Clinton the person to maintain her party's hold on young voters? Democrats, in their misplaced confidence in their voter mobilization magic, targeted what have been called "basement grads." These are

some of the one-third of millennials (ages 18-31) who, because of the economy's sluggishness in the sixth year of recovery, are living with their parents. Why did Democrats think they would be helped by luring anxious and disappointed young people out of basements and into voting booths?

The last time voters awarded a party a third consecutive presidential term was 1988, when George Herbert Walker Bush's candidacy could be construed as promising something like a third Reagan term. A Clinton candidacy make sense if, but only if, in 24 months voters will be thinking: Let's have a third Obama term.

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Strong, conservative women win big in midterms

By CHRISTINE M. FLOWERS
Philadelphia Daily News

Break out the Hershey's bars and nylons: The war on women is over!

Yes indeed, folks, the hostile aggression against 51 percent of the population by that pseudo-cabal of old men, Supreme Court justices (who are old men), and women who can no longer reproduce is over, and we can celebrate the great electoral victory that has delivered us from Republican evil.

What's that you say? The wrong side won? The GOP vanquished those valiant defenders of our ovaries? Can it be that we are destined to remain in that reproductive, monomy-trick bondage that has stripped us of our humanity?

OK, let's not panic. There must be some mistake here, because I was under the impression that some women actually won high elected office. A review of the electoral results should be able to clear this up.

Let's start with the heartland of the country, the place where solid, John Wayne-type values are delivered to the newborn like mother's milk and political careers are launched.

It's my impression that Iowa just elected its first female to Congress, a senator by the name of Joni Ernst. Lt. Col. Ernst is a combat veteran, a mother and a former state legislator with a master's degree in public education. You would think that progressives would be thrilled with that example of achievement, right?

And just because she happens to know how to castrate pigs, shoot a rifle and thinks that unborn life is a precious enough com-



modity to protect by legislation and not the fickle option of the mother, she's still an amazing female role model. So that's one in the "win" column, sisters.

Moving in a southwesterly direction toward the beautiful state of New Mexico, I hear they just re-elected Susana Martinez as governor. Martinez is bilingual, a former district attorney, the proud descendant of Mexican immigrants and has the distinction of being the first Hispanic female governor in the United States. She was also a Democrat until, in 1995, she was struck off of her horse on the way to Damascus (or Santa Fe) and changed her registration to Republican. Can you have diversity and accomplishment all rolled into one sabroso package.

Sure, she's in favor of securing the border, having firsthand knowledge of what it's like to live alongside it. Yes, she supported Mitt Romney in 2012, opposes same-sex marriage and thinks that her state's medical marijuana program is a big mistake, but you shouldn't hold that against her, girls. She's one of us, after all, a strong and savvy example of immigrant excellence.

And speaking of immigrants, Nikki Haley of South Carolina was just re-elected to the governor's house in South Carolina. The daughter of Indian Sikh immigrants, she's an accountant who led her mother's family-owned clothing firm into a multi-million-dollar company, was on the board of two chambers of commerce, and served as the treasurer and then president for the National Association of Women Business Owners.

She's been a state legislator, a majority whip for her caucus and is the youngest sitting governor in the United States.

And she speaks Hindi.

OK, she welcomed the endorsement from Sarah Palin, and yes, she's supported laws that would have made it much more difficult for a woman to get an abortion in South Carolina, but her record of accomplishment is staggering for someone who hasn't even celebrated her 43rd birthday.

C'mon ladies, this is good stuff!

I haven't even gotten to the best. Mia Love, former mayor of Saratoga Springs, Utah, was just elected to Congress. She is proof positive that those awful conserva-

tives really don't hate women of color. Here we have a 38-year-old Haitian-American, the child of political refugees whose father was almost murdered by the vicious secret police known as the Tonton Macoute.

Love cites this as one of the reasons she is so proud of her native country, its willingness to give her family safe harbor and provide her with opportunities she could never have experienced in the West Indies. Her father once told her that she should never be "a burden to society" but that she should "give back." That's typical of immigrants and in particular, immigrant women.

All right, she's pro-life. And she knows how to shoot a gun, to the extent that her first date with her now-husband was at a shooting range. But this is a sign of strength, ladies. This is the kind of independence we try to instill in our daughters. We want them to think for themselves, right?

Or do we? The day after the midterms, I came across a post on the website Jezebel which essentially blamed young people for not voting and saddling the country with a Republican majority. It was accompanied by a photo of Mitch McConnell hugging Rand Paul with the caption: "We F---ing Did This To Ourselves."

From where I sit, what we did was elect strong, conservative women. But apparently, unless we elect Texas blondes who wear pink sneakers and crusade for abortion rights (which we didn't — shucks) we are still the embattled prisoners of a patriarchal war.

I'm not buying it. Now can you hand me a Hershey's bar?

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Halliburton reaches \$1B oil spill settlement

LA NEW ORLEANS — Halliburton's agreement to pay more than \$1 billion to settle numerous claims involving the 2010 BP Gulf of Mexico oil spill could be a way for the company and victims of the spill to avoid years of costly litigation — if all the pieces fall into place.

A federal judge still has to approve the settlement. That same judge has rulings pending on the extent to which parties, including Halliburton, were negligent in the deadly explosion of the Deepwater Horizon offshore oil rig. Those rulings could affect plaintiffs' decisions on whether to participate in the settlement, which was announced Tuesday.

Pending action by the Supreme Court over interpretations of an earlier BP settlement with businesses also comes into play.

School bus driver sentenced in crash

MD UPPER MARLBORO — A Prince George's County school bus driver has been sentenced to 30 days' of home detention for leaving four children unattended on a school bus, which drifted across a road and hit a student.

Arturo Roberto Harris, 61, of Clinton, pleaded guilty in September to leaving an unattended child and reckless endangerment in Prince George's County Circuit Court.

Prosecutors said that on April 7, Harris left four children on a school bus to use the restroom at High Point High School in Beltsville. Police said the bus drifted across Powder Mill Road and hit an elementary school-aged child waiting at a bus stop.

The child who was hit had minor injuries; the children on the bus were not hurt.

Man takes half-hour joyride in firetruck

PA BRIDGEWATER — A Pennsylvania man has been accused of sneaking into a fire department and taking a woman on a 30-minute joyride in a fire truck.

The Beaver County Times reported that fire officials saw Randy Allen Davidson — who is not a firefighter — enter the Bridgewater Volunteer Fire Department at about midnight May 26, grab the vehicle's keys and drive the truck away with a woman in the passenger seat.

Police said Davidson returned the truck and the keys to their original positions about 30 minutes later.

Davidson, who is 47 and lives in Bridgewater, was charged Oct. 2 with unauthorized use of a vehicle, burglary and other crimes. He remains in jail.

Hunter kills 2 bears while defending partner

AK KODIAK — A Washington state man is being hailed as a hero after his hunting partner was mauled by a bear on a small, east coast Kodiak, **KMXT** reported that Michael

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The value of prescription drugs stolen between December 2012 and February 2013 by Tomas Garcia-Mancinas, 25, who was sentenced Friday to 14 years in prison. Police said the so-called "calligraphy hand" presented handwritten notes to pharmacy employees in a series of robberies. He faced numerous felony charges after three weapons believed to have been used in the robberies were recovered after Garcia-Mancinas was arrested.



GREGORY BULL/AP

A whale of a selfie

Molly Pederson, right, and daughter Laura Patkotak take a picture as a bowhead whale caught by Alaska Native subsistence hunters is brought ashore in Barrow, Alaska. Whaling is a community event in Barrow, as family members and town residents race to the beach to congratulate the hunters and help to butcher the catch.

Snowden, of Sitka, suffered leg injuries in the brown bear attack on Tuesday.

Snowden and his hunting partner, Jeff Ostrin, of Camas, Wash., were taking a deer they had shot down to a beach for pickup when they stopped for lunch. The bear caught wind of the deer.

The sow came through the brush and attacked Snowden. Ostrin stepped back, took aim with his rifle and killed the sow. One of two cubs also was killed.

State wildlife official Larry Van Daele said Ostrin is a hero for killing the bears, tending to Snowden's wounds and getting help.

Woman charged with beating boss over head

MN MENDOTA HEIGHTS — Dakota County authorities have charged a St. Paul woman who they say beat her boss over the head with a piece of metal.

Wassohn Dorlaie, 25, was charged Thursday with second-degree assault. Authorities said her supervisor at a metal finishing plant in Mendota Heights told

her on Oct. 30 she likely wouldn't have a job the next day because she was late to her shift.

Authorities said she repeatedly hit her boss in the head and face with a one-pound metal plate with a sharp edge that had been lying nearby. They said he suffered multiple cuts to his face and head before falling to the ground.

Details released in boys' homicide-suicide

UT SALT LAKE CITY — A teenage boy was so distraught after accidentally killing his friend while playing with a stolen gun that he turned the weapon on himself at a suburban Salt Lake City home last year, police said.

Authorities released new details Friday about the investigation into the deaths of Dayton Gessell, 15, and Taylor Wheeler, 12, after saying a year ago that it was a murder-suicide.

The two boys were with a group of five friends playing with three guns in the basement of the home when Wheeler was killed the afternoon of Nov. 15, said Tina

Brown, a spokeswoman for the city of South Jordan. Gessell shot himself after the others ran to get help, a sequence of events that led police to conclude he did it because he was distraught that he caused the death of his friend.

Investigators aren't sure if the boys knew the guns were loaded.

Casino employee falls down elevator shaft

NV LAS VEGAS — Officials said a worker at Caesars Palace accidentally drove a motorized cart through a freight elevator's doors and fell about two floors down into an empty elevator car below.

Clark County Deputy Fire Chief Jon Klassen said crews rescued the man shortly after 9 p.m. Thursday before sending him to University Medical Center in Las Vegas with injuries that were serious but not life-threatening.

Klassen said the worker was suspended upside down for more than an hour during the rescue. Caesars spokesman Gary Thompson said the in-room dining

worker had been pulling a rack of serving bowls when the rack got stuck. The man turned before accidentally pressing the accelerator, which sent him through the closed elevator doors.

8 years for organizer of high-stakes dog fights

AL MONTGOMERY — An Alabama who organized dog fights where participants often bet \$100,000 or more on a single deadly match was sentenced Friday to eight years in prison, four times longer than the penalty for NFL quarterback Michael Vick.

U.S. District Judge Keith Watkins ordered the sentence for Donnie Anderson, 50 of Auburn, while six TV screens in Watkins' courtroom showed a picture of a female pit bull that died from injuries in one of Anderson's fights in east Alabama.

Anderson is among 15 people arrested during a four-year investigation of high-stakes dog fights in east Alabama and north Mississippi.

From wire reports

ENTERTAINMENT

Found ‘Five-0’

‘Lost’ actor makes the most of his TV role

BY LYNN ELBER
The Associated Press

Since playing the lucky-unlucky lottery winner Hurley on “Lost,” Jorge Garcia’s career has moved along nicely from “Alcatraz” to “Hawaii Five-0” and upcoming big-screen movies.

It’s logical that he might indulge himself in, say, a fast car or pricey wristwatch. But to think that is to badly misjudge the man.

“Oh, man, do I admit this?” Garcia said. “I always wanted to have an Elvis jump suit made and always found reasons not to do it. But getting the job on ‘Five-0,’ I said, ‘OK, I’m doing it.’”

Specifically a \$3,700 “Dragon” jumpsuit — a white version with colorful dragons embroidered front and back — from a costume design company that also offers, among many others, the Burning Love and Aloha from Hawaii versions for Elvis impersonators and admirers like Garcia.

This season of “Hawaii Five-0” represents Garcia’s move up from recurring guest star to series regular on the revamped version of the 1968-80 police drama. Among the show’s stars is Daniel Dae Kim, who as Jin Kwon was stranded with Garcia on the Hawaii-based “Lost.”

“Half the (production) crew are people I already know” from “Lost,” Garcia said. “When I came back and did the show as a guest star it definitely had this feeling of coming home.”

Paradise is only rented, however. He still has a house in the Los Angeles area, where he can stay on top of job opportunities.



CBS photos

Jorge Garcia, right, has been appearing on “Hawaii Five-0,” which stars Daniel Dae Kim, left, and Alex O’Loughlin. Garcia is probably best known to TV viewers as Hurley on “Lost.”

“It’s better to be in the room for certain meetings than do things remotely. You can get a better feel for the personalities,” said Garcia, who comes across as drollly funny but also much more focused than his often free-spirited characters.

Born in Omaha, Neb., and raised in southern California’s Orange County, he found youthful career inspiration in two very different films.

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Was that accompanied by Topol’s exuberant, hip-shaking dance from the 1971 movie?

Of course, Garcia said. “If you’re gonna play it, play it.”

As a fledgling performer, the roles he expected to get were along the lines of the funny neighbor in a three-camera sitcom.

“I knew I wasn’t a usual type,” said the round-faced, bushy-haired Garcia.

His first big role came in the Ted Dan-

son sitcom “Becker” in 2003-04, followed by small roles in other shows and movies. Then came Hugo “Hurley” Reyes in 2004, a welcome chance to play a character with dimension.

He’s adding more movie credits to his résumé, including two set for 2015 release: “The Wedding Ringer,” starring Kevin Hart and Josh Gad, and “Cooties,” a horror-comedy featuring Elijah Wood, Alison Pill and Rainn Wilson.

As for his distinctive mane, he’s more than ready to part with it (“I’ve had long hair for so long, I need to start feeling like a grown-up”) and step into what he calls “real suit-and-the guy” roles. He plans a serious trim after “Hawaii Five-0,” with his Elvis Presley suit as added inducement. He and friends are planning an indie film that would include a scene with a couple of Elvis impersonators.

But there will be other uses for his treasured outfit.

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THE DECLINE OF THE MAJOR LABEL RAP ALBUM

Low record sales mean hip-hop artists must diversify to attract major music labels

By JEFF WEISS / Special to The Washington Post

Hip-hop is a hypochondriac. Since its first records, the genre has reimagined and revised its own Edenic myth. For every Golden Age, there's a tin present, allegedly limping from commercial compromises and calorie-free lyrical content. Aside from maybe jazz, no other art form has so existentially lamented its decline from both internal and external boogymen.

But even by normally cantankerous standards in which past glories are always greater than present achievements, 2014 has been underwhelming. The genre's most famous names (Jay Z, Eminem, Kanye West, Drake) haven't released commercial albums after each dropped new ones in 2013. But most young stars that emerged over the past several years (Kendrick Lamar, Chance the Rapper, J. Cole, Odd Future, ASAP Rocky) have also been absent. Accordingly, ASAP Rocky, who spearheaded ASAP Rocky's rise, proclaimed 2014 to be "the worst year in rap history."

There's some validity to the claim, especially if you use one specific set of criteria: From a strictly major-label perspective, this year's rap offerings

In a sign of the times, the label of Eminem, Dr. Dre and 2Pac has only mass-released physical product for one rap album this year: Schoolboy Q's "Oxymoron," which debuted at No. 1 in February. Interscope's other hip-hop offerings have been digital-only EPs, compilations or commercial mix tapes accompanied by a limited-edition batch of CDs.

"It's more about live shows and how singles react in the club—less about the album," Manda adds. "The hot artists are omnipresent and never off cycle. By releasing singles on Soundcloud, Drake has impacted this year as much as any artist. It's a gift and a curse: rap has become so broad as to be massively popular, but it's no longer dangerous."

Rap's DNA now lurks in most pop songs, from Ed Sheeran and Katy Perry. It's gone from being what Chuck D famously called "the CNN of Black America," to the entire cable package. It's no longer enough to just rap well. You're expected to sing, make pop with universal appeal and be a savvy brand ambassador with edgy credibility for corporate sponsors.

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With music streaming cannibalizing record sales and leaving them at historic lows, the format and the industry itself are in a period of transition. Ten months into the year, not a single album has gone platinum (Taylor Swift's "1989" might soon change that), and the music business has gravitated toward a risk-averse Hollywood blockbuster model. Now a few tent-pole releases dominate marketing attention and resources for an entire year.

"There's less albums across all genres, less artists getting signed, and Spotify isn't having a great effect on the album format," says Joie Manda, the president of Urban Music at Interscope. "But if you hook people with a few great songs, they still want the album."

The audience's shifting demographics have been reflected in the artists themselves. Mainstream rap was once the exclusive province of black musicians, save for the occasional outlier (Vanilla Ice, Eminem, Cypress Hill). But over the last half-decade, white rappers of wildly varying styles and skill have built massive followings, often without innuendo support, major labels or radio.

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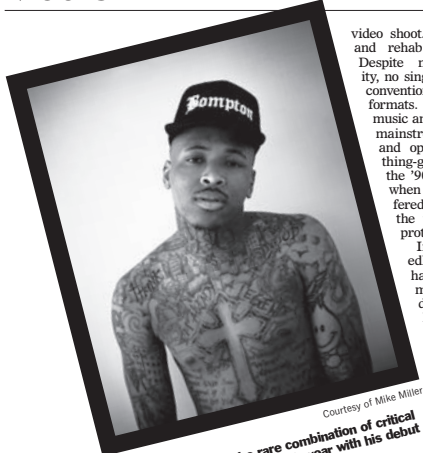
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LIFESTYLE

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Zach Kaplan is the founder and CEO of Inventables, a hardware store for designers. He believes desktop carving machines, such as Carvey, are the next step in 3-D printing.

By JOHN CARPENTER
Chicago Tribune

Zach Kaplan pushed the button on his first Kickstarter campaign at 8 a.m. Oct. 21. Less than 90 minutes later, the Inventables CEO heard a cheer from outside his office.

Carvey, Inventables' desktop 3-D carving machine that can make objects out of a variety of materials, including wood, metals and plastics, made its \$50,000 Kickstarter goal in one hour, 26 minutes, fueled by publicity including a launch party and a review in a national magazine for makers.

Designed by Scott Wilson's Minimal Studios in Chicago and priced at \$2,000, Carvey is a desktop iteration of a traditional CNC milling machine, which creates objects by precisely carving material based on computer designs.

Carvey targets small manufacturers, designers and schools, which Kaplan said are hurrying to equip maker studios.

By 1 p.m., Carvey had received \$144,000 from 114 backers. (Carvey isn't setting any Kickstarter records: A Kickstarter spokesman said a campaign last fall for a product called ReaperMinatures Bones II raised \$250,000 in 12 minutes and \$1 million in less than three hours.)

Inventables had prepped its community for the Kickstarter campaign with a preview party on Oct. 20 that Kaplan said drew more than 200 people.

"We asked everyone not to share on social media until 8 a.m. CST to respect the embargo," Kaplan wrote in an email. "Everyone there got a chance to see and play with Carvey. I also shared it with employ-

ees, friends, family and members of the Inventables community that could keep a secret in advance, and a number of people said they wanted a Carvey the minute it went live."

Kaplan credited a glowing review in *Maker Magazine*, a powerful voice in the

maker world, for the bulk of the Kickstarter surge. News of the new product made other gadget and maker sites as well.

"It's ... far from the first CNC carver we've seen, and isn't even the first such machine from Inventables — which also built the Shapeoko 2," noted engadget.com

reviewer Steve Dent. "But it is a very polished-looking desktop device, and should appeal to designers who may not know a veiner from a v-tool."

It's the first crowdfunding attempt for Kaplan, though Wilson is a Kickstarter veteran. Kaplan said the platform was important for validating the idea: "If people aren't excited, and don't back it, we're going to kill it," Kaplan wrote in an email last week. "It means we missed the mark."

It builds off Kaplan's Shapeoko 2 machine, launched last year. The Shapeoko 2 comes in kit form, requiring assembly, while Carvey, a sleeker design, needs only to be plugged in and turned on, Kaplan said. And it's meant to run quietly enough so that it can sit on a desk or studio table.

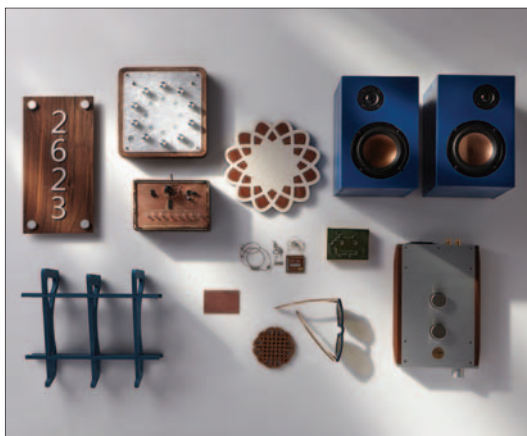
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Carvey, which accommodates sophisticated computer-assisted design programs, comes pre-loaded with Inventables' free Easel design software platform, aimed at "click-and-carve" users who have no special training.

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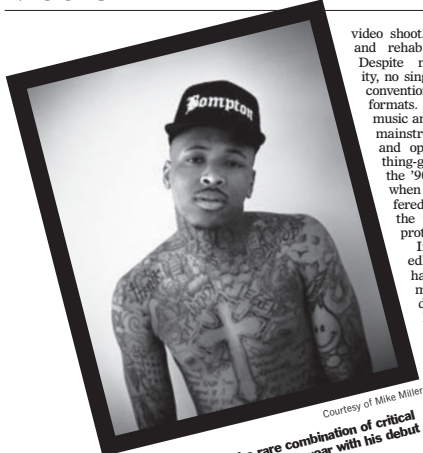
For earlier projects, Kaplan said he took pre-orders on the Inventables website and told customers that he wouldn't move ahead with the products if he didn't get enough orders. But those products targeted users with a stronger technical background.

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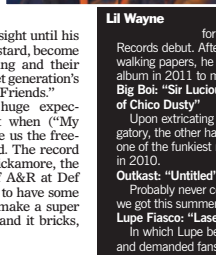
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To you, each of these choices is discrete, isolated — even random. But to Facebook, the 1.35-billion-user behemoth where we increasingly record our daily choices, no person, comment or casual thumbs-up is isolated: Everything is part of a larger pattern.

And in this particular instance, according to data Facebook released last month, your pattern played out precisely as the social network might have predicted it would: Generally, Facebook fans of Republican candidates are far more likely to also be fans of Blake Shelton and Ayn Rand.

There are more trifling insights where that came from, of course: Democrats disproportionately listen to The Beatles; Republicans tend to watch "Duck Dynasty"; the Jersey Shore is the one vacation spot all Americans agree on.

But while these tidbits are interesting — funny, even! — they're just whispers of a much larger operation. Facebook is inferring millions of such correlations, based on billions of disparate data points, predicting any number of user behaviors.

In many cases, it's also selling those data points back to advertisers, political campaigns and other people who are interested in manipulating all the tiny daily choices you make. In an update made to Facebook's ad platform

in May, the site released a trove of new, anonymized data to advertisers, showing them — among other things — the demographics and "liked" pages of potential customers, the better to help companies learn their "interests and behaviors."

"Help people decide," the network crows in its materials targeting political campaigns. "Facebook is one of the most effective marketing platforms on the planet."

That's true, in large part, because of how much Facebook knows about us: age, family, location, education level, on- and off-site behavior. (Advertisers can target all these things.) But given all that objective, demographic data, it's amazing how much Facebook can still infer from our subjective likes.

The like, after all, is the single most thoughtless, fleeting gesture in all of Internetdom — it's a single click, an almost Pavlovian response to things we find vaguely interesting or noteworthy or at least worth acknowledging. It's "the wordless nod of support in a loud room," the blogger Elan Morgan wrote in August as part of her experiment not to "like" anything on Facebook for two weeks. It's just another way to signal we exist amidst the constant onslaught of Internet noise.

And yet, simply by virtue of its scale, Facebook can vacuum up all our senseless data points — all those clicks, all those tiny choices — and parlay them into something like an insight about our identity. These are just observations and correlations, mind you, but they're still pretty striking: Did you fan the page of Hello Kitty or Flo the Progressive Girl at one point? You, for whatever reason, are more likely to vote.

Tell its data team what pages you've liked, and Facebook will tell you who you are.



GADGET WATCH

Bedside speaker a relaxing option

By GREGG ELLMAN

McClatchy-Tribune News Service

With the press of a button, the Tranquil Moments Bluetooth speaker brings the ocean, woods and other quieting environments, to your bedside.

The stress release bedside speaker creates the relaxing environment to help you relax and fall asleep.

There's a dozen different sounds including rain, thunderstorms and a summer night to create the relaxation mood to knock out your stress and help you sleep. After choosing your sound, set the timer (30, 60 or 90 minutes) to how long you want it playing; you can let it go all night.

During the company website, "Tranquil Moments sound programs are based on the DELTA, ALPHA and THETA brainwave patterns associated with deep states of sleep, relaxation and renewal."

The company says the speaker changes your mind's thoughts, and the playback slows down as you fall asleep and then turns off.

During the day, the Bluetooth speaker can pair with your smartphone or tablet to play playlists. There's also a 3.5mm port for non-Bluetooth devices.

A rechargeable Li-Ion battery keeps it playing for hours, and is charged with the included USB cable.

Online: brookstone.com, \$129.99

The Jam Rewind (HMDX Jam) is small enough to fit in your back pocket, but impressive enough to stand out amid the seemingly endless portable Bluetooth speaker options.

You'll be amazed by the sound from the retro-looking rechargeable speaker. It's designed with a cassette tape/boombox exterior look, encasing an internal four-speaker system.

The Jam Rewind weighs just 5.8 ounces and measures 5.1 by 2.6 by 1 inches. You'll get about eight hours of use before a charge (microUSB) is needed, and there's a 3.5mm auxiliary input jack for using non-Bluetooth audio players.

Volume controls are built onto the top along with a power button.

Online: jamaudio.com, \$79.99; available in blue, gray and red

The PK K'3, USB 3.0 key for smartphones and tablets is called the world's smallest accessory of its kind. I'm not going to say if it's true or not (the last time I did that I was hammered with emails



MCT photos

The Tranquil Moments bedside speaker claims to help users release stress and get some shut-eye.

from the competition), but I will say it's pretty small (1.06 by 0.49 by 0.18 inches, the size of a paper clip), and very useful.

In addition to its fast USB 3.0 speed, the 32GB storage solution is waterproof up to 3 feet.

What makes it different from similar and smaller USB drives is its double-ended ports.

One on is a standard USB connection for most desktop and laptop computers. But on the other end is a microUSB connection enabling it to connect to some Android tablets and smartphones.

The company also states it is compatible with apps such as Nexus Media player, Astro or ES.

Online: pkparis.com, \$53

MacAlly's Clipmont is a universal adjustable clip-on mount, versatile enough to hold the Jam Rewind speaker, most any smartphone, some tablets, GPS units or anything up to 8 inches wide.

It's a really handy device for hands-free use for cell calls.

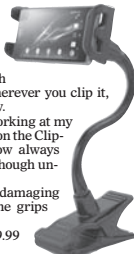
It's designed with a clip-on mount with an 11-inch bendable arm to pretty much reach anything, including your car, desk or wherever it's needed.

I tried it with my iPhone 6 with several cases while sitting at my desk along with the Jam Rewind, a GPS unit and a digital camera. All were successful. The swivel is built with a 360-degree design so wherever you clip it, just angle for the right view.

I did notice that while working at my desk and having my phone on the Clipmont, somehow I was now always able to find it — an added, though unexpected, bonus.

No need to worry about damaging anything it's clipped to; the grips are rubber cushioned.

Online: macally.com, \$29.99



ITUNES MUSIC

Top 10 songs on the iTunes Store for Nov. 5:

1. "Shake It Off," Taylor Swift
2. "All About That Bass — Single," Meghan Trainor
3. "Gonna Know We Were Here," Jason Alden
4. "Bang Bang," Jessie J, Ariana Grande & Nicki Minaj
5. "Sun Daze," Florida Georgia Line
6. "Here We Go," Alex & Sierra
7. "Rafter Be (featuring Jess Glynne)," Clean Bandit
8. "Burnin' It Down," Jason Alden
9. "Habits (Stay High)," Tove Lo
10. "Chandelier," Sia

— Compiled by MCT

SPOTIFY MUSIC

The most streamed tracks on Spotify from Oct. 27 to Nov. 2:

1. "Shake It Off," Taylor Swift
2. "Animals," Maroon 5
3. "I'm Not The Only One," Sam Smith
4. "All About That Bass," Meghan Trainor
5. "Take Me To Church," Hozier
6. "Don't Tell Me," Jeremiah
7. "Habits (Stay High)," Tove Lo
8. "Bang Bang," Jessie J
9. "Cool Kids," EchoSmith
10. "Stay With Me," Sam Smith

— Compiled by The Associated Press

ITUNES MOVIES VIDEO GAMES

Top 10 movies downloaded from the iTunes Store for Nov. 5:

1. "Transformers: Age of Extinction"
2. "Godzilla"
3. "The Fault in Our Stars"
4. "Captain America: The Winter Soldier"
5. "Live Die Repeat: Edge of Tomorrow"
6. "Fed Up"
7. "Chef"
8. "The Lunchbox"
9. "Blended"
10. "Draft Day"

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Game Informer rank the top 10 games for November:

1. "Dragon Age: Inquisition," PS4, Xbox One, PS3, 360, PC
2. "Sunset Overdrive," Xbox One
3. "Bayonetta 2," Wii U
4. "Civilization: Beyond Earth," PC
5. "Call of Duty: Advanced Warfare," PS4, Xbox One, PS3, 360, PC
6. "The Evil Within," PS4, Xbox One, PC
7. "Super Smash Bros.," 3DS
8. "Lords of the Fallen," PS4, Xbox One, PC
9. "Skylanders Trap Team," PS4, Xbox One, Wii U, PS3, 360, Wii
10. "Assassin's Creed Rogue," PS3, 360, PC

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APPS

Top 5 new paid apps for Nov. 5:

ANDROID

1. day 2
2. Hail to the King: Deathbat 3. Republic
4. Hype Machine
5. Battlelapp for Nov. 5:

Top 5 paid apps for Nov. 5:

APPLE

1. Five Nights at Freddy's
2. Minecraft — Pocket Edition
3. Goblin Squad
4. Sleep Cycle alarm clock
5. Afterlight

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BUSINESS/WEATHER

Hiring up; wages have yet to follow

By CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Healthy job growth in the United States has reached a level of consistency unseen in nearly two decades.

In the same week that voters signaled discontent with the U.S. economy, the government issued a report that showed employers have added at least 200,000 jobs for nine straight months — the longest such stretch since 1995.

Combine it with an unemployment rate that has slid to 5.8 percent — the lowest since 2008 — and the picture that emerged Friday was of a job market gaining increasing distance from the recession that officially ended nearly 5½ years ago.

The job gain for October was a solid 214,000, on top of a combined 31,000 more in August and September than the government had previously estimated.

The steady improvement con-

trasts with the struggles of economies overseas, a key reason the Federal Reserve is withdrawing its stimulus just as other central banks ramp up theirs.

This week, for example, the European Central Bank opened the door wider for further help for a euro-zone economy that may be on the brink of another recession.

‘The U.S. job engine is not just chugging along, it’s gaining speed.’
James Marple economist, TD Bank

The U.S. job market is hardly without its own weaknesses. Americans’ average hourly pay rose only slightly last month, a negative note in an otherwise solid report. Stagnant wages have been a chronic weakness in the job market since the recession ended.

Voters listed the economy as their top concern in Tuesday’s elections, and the sluggish pace of pay growth was a likely factor. Average hourly pay rose 3 cents in October to \$24.57. That’s just 2 percent above the average wage 12 months earlier and barely ahead of a 1.7 percent inflation rate.

Some economists say, though, that they’re seeing early signs of rising pay, especially as more jobs emerge in higher-paying sectors. If so, more workers could begin to enjoy thicker paychecks in coming months. A broad measure of pay and fringe benefits, which captures bonus pay that the jobs report’s gauges miss, has risen in the past six months at its fastest pace since 2008.

“We think that there is plenty of evidence to suggest that wage growth is accelerating,” said Paul Ashworth, an economist at Capital Economics.

The U.S. unemployment rate fell

in October even as more Americans began looking for work. That suggests that more out-of-work people were encouraged by the brightening jobs picture.

“This was a great month for the American labor market,” said James Marple, an economist at TD Bank. “The U.S. job engine is not just chugging along, it is gaining speed.”

MARKET WATCH

Nov. 7, 2014

Dow Jones Industrials	+19.46
Nasdaq composite	-5.94
Standard & Poor’s 500	+0.71
Russell 2000	+1.46
	1,173.32

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Nov. 10)	\$1.2719
Dollar buys (Nov. 10)	€0.7862
British pound (Nov. 10)	£1.62
Japanese yen (Nov. 10)	¥112.00
South Korean won (Nov. 10)	₩1,064.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	BD1.5871
British pound	£1.5862
Canada (dollar)	C\$1.1331
China (Yuan)	¥6.1230
Denmark (Krone)	DKK5.9603
Egypt (Pound)	EGP7.1506
Hong Kong (Dollar)	HK\$1.2437/0.8040
Hungary (Forint)	HUF248.77
Israel (Shekel)	₪3.8114
Japan (Yen)	¥114.54
Kuwait (Dinar)	KWD0.2916
Norway (Krone)	NOK6.8212
Philippines (Peso)	₱44.93
Poland (Zloty)	PLN3.40
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	SAR3.7519
Singapore (Dollar)	S\$1.2901
South Korea (Won)	₩1,067.80
Switzerland (Franc)	CHF0.9675
Taiwan (Dollar)	NT\$32.79
Turkey (Lira)	₺2.588

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., currencies provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies one local unit, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.75
Federal funds market rate	0.09
3-month bill	0.01
30-year bond	3.03

WEATHER OUTLOOK



Sunday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ableene, Texas	74	52	Cir	Chatanooga	58	35	Cir	Fort Wayne	48	34	Cldy	Louisville	54	40	PCldy	Pocatello	64	31	PCldy
Akron, Ohio	46	35	Cldy	Cheyenne	67	38	Cir	Fresno	78	54	Cir	Lubbock	74	46	Cir	Portland, Maine	48	33	Cir
Albany, N.Y.	49	32	Cldy	Chicago	48	39	Cldy	Goodland	71	38	Cir	Macon	71	36	Cir	Portland, Ore.	55	46	Cir
Albuquerque	67	42	Cir	Cincinnati	51	36	PCldy	Grand Junction	62	35	Cir	Madison	44	31	Cir	Pueblo	75	34	Cir
Allentown, Pa.	54	32	PCldy	Cleveland	47	36	Cir	Great Rapids	43	34	Snow	Medford	63	39	PCldy	Raleigh-Durham	64	39	Cir
Amarillo	72	46	Cir	Colorado Springs	70	40	Cir	Great Falls	51	34	Snow	Milwaukee	59	43	Cir	Rapid City	59	24	Cir
Anchorage	37	31	Cir	Columbia, S.C.	68	41	Cir	Greensboro, N.C.	61	39	Cir	Miami Beach	78	64	Cir	Reno	74	41	Cir
Asheville	58	36	Cir	Columbus, Ga.	68	41	Cir	Hartford	54	37	PCldy	Mpls-St Paul	38	26	Cir	Richmond	63	41	PCldy
Atlanta	66	42	Cir	Concord, N.H.	48	31	Cir	Hartford	54	37	PCldy	Missoula	48	26	Rain	Roanoke	57	36	Cir
Atlantic City	59	37	PCldy	Corpus Christi	71	55	Cir	Helena	59	21	Cir	Moiselle	48	26	Rain	Rochester	42	35	Cir
Austin	71	49	Cir	Dallas-Ft. Worth	68	49	Cir	Honolulu	84	71	Cir	Montgomery	67	39	Cir	Rockford	50	37	Cir
Baltimore	57	40	PCldy	Dayton	49	36	PCldy	Houston	69	50	Cir	New Orleans	69	51	Cir	Sacramento	78	48	Cir
Baton Rouge	69	45	Cir	Denver	72	58	Rain	Huntsville	58	38	Cir	Nashville	57	38	Cir	St. Louis	62	43	PCldy
Bilings	59	20	Cir	Des Moines	71	41	Cir	Indianapolis	49	38	PCldy	New York	55	43	PCldy	St. Thomas	88	80	Rain
Birmingham	61	39	Cir	Detroit	45	35	Cir	Jacksonville	65	40	Cir	New York City	55	43	PCldy	Salt Lake City	54	41	PCldy
Bismarck	32	17	Snow	El Paso	69	47	Cir	Kansas City	60	43	Cir	Norfolk, Va.	61	46	Cir	Salt Lake City	54	41	PCldy
Boston	56	41	Cir	El Paso	69	47	Cir	Kansas City	60	43	Cir	North Platte	68	36	Cir	San Diego	74	50	Cir
Bridgeport	55	40	PCldy	El Paso	69	47	Cir	Kansas City	60	43	Cir	Oklahoma City	71	48	Cir	San Francisco	75	49	Cir
Brownsville	77	60	Cir	El Paso	69	47	Cir	Kansas City	60	43	Cir	Oklahoma City	71	48	Cir	San Jose	52	32	Cir
Buffalo	42	36	Cir	El Paso	69	47	Cir	Kansas City	60	43	Cir	Oklahoma City	71	48	Cir	Seattle	56	36	Cir
Burlington, Vt.	40	26	Cir	El Paso	69	47	Cir	Kansas City	60	43	Cir	Oklahoma City	71	48	Cir	Shreveport	65	44	Cir
Caribou, Maine	49	31	Cir	El Paso	69	47	Cir	Kansas City	60	43	Cir	Oklahoma City	71	48	Cir				
Charleston, S.C.	70	48	Cir	El Paso	69	47	Cir	Kansas City	60	43	Cir	Oklahoma City	71	48	Cir				
Charleston, W.Va.	51	35	Cir	El Paso	69	47	Cir	Kansas City	60	43	Cir	Oklahoma City	71	48	Cir				
Charlotte, N.C.	63	41	Cir	El Paso	69	47	Cir	Kansas City	60	43	Cir	Oklahoma City	71	48	Cir				

National temperature extremes

Hi: Fr., 95, Riverside, Calif.	
Rain: Lo: Fr., 14, Gunnison, Colo.; Sunset	
Crater, Ariz.	

COLLEGE FOOTBALL/SPORTS BRIEFS



CHRIS O'MEARA/AP

Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston has requested a delay in the student code of conduct hearing scheduled for the week of Nov. 17. The reigning Heisman Trophy winner is accused of sexually assaulting a woman in December 2012.

Lawyer: Winston asks for FSU hearing delay

By KAREEM COPELAND
The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston has requested a delay in the student code of conduct hearing scheduled for the week of Nov. 17, an attorney said Friday.

John Clune, a lawyer for the woman who says Winston sexually assaulted her, confirmed the request was made to the university but did not know how long of a delay Winston is seeking. He said Florida State has not ruled on the woman's request.

'I think everybody expected Winston to try to delay. It's not at all surprising.'

John Clune
Accuser's attorney

Winston is facing a hearing to determine whether he violated four sections of the code of conduct — two for sexual misconduct and two for endangerment. The former female student said he assaulted her in December 2012.

Though the time frame has been set, both sides can request postponements of the scheduled date for reasons that would have to be individually reviewed.

"I think everybody expected Winston to try to delay," Clune said. "It's not at all surprising."

"We hope they go forward as scheduled. It's been 23 months since this happened."

Winston family adviser David Cornwell made the formal request on Winston's behalf in a letter sent to the university. He said in a statement Friday evening that Winston wants to "confront these false allegations."

"But he expects and is entitled to do so on an even playing field," Cornwell said. "We will end this baseless escapade by using the testimony of witnesses and other evidence contained in the approximately 1,000 documents and eight discs that were

provided to Mr. Winston only one week ago.

"The University also has promised to provide additional evidence, including cellphone records."

The Tampa Bay Times first reported Winston's request that the hearing be delayed.

Both sides received a compilation of all the documents on the case and Cornwell commented Tuesday on Twitter that, "FSU gives (the woman) 20 months to file a complaint and Jameis 13 days to learn 1,000 documents."

The Associated Press does not identify people who say they are victims of sexual abuse.

"Ninety to 95 percent of the material is stuff that's been available to everybody for a year now," Clune said. "I can't see how either side would need additional time to prepare for the hearing given what's in that packet and how much of it is completely public information."

Cornwell's statement ended with a response to the woman's lawyers.

"Opposing counsel say they want the hearing," Cornwell said. "They just don't want Mr. Winston to have the time to prepare for it."

Winston could face sanctions that range from a written or verbal reprimand, to probation that could include being removed from the football team, to expulsion from the university if he is found in violation of the student code of conduct.

Former Florida Supreme Court Justice Major Harding will preside over the hearing after both sides were required to strike one of three former justices selected by the university.

Rules specify a formal decision letter must be sent to Winston within 10 class days after the hearing ends. That time limit could be extended "if additional consideration of evidence and deliberation is required," FSU spokeswoman Browning Brooks previously explained to the AP in an email.

Briefly

Jones wins shortened NASCAR Trucks race

The Associated Press

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Erik Jones won the Camping World Truck race at Phoenix International Raceway for the second straight year when a power outage forced NASCAR to end the event with 24 laps left Friday night.

NASCAR called the race because of the possibility that the power would fail again, plunging the track into darkness while the trucks were racing at full speed. The start also was delayed more than an hour because of an outage that knocked out the track's lights.

The 18-year-old Jones was making his 12th and final start of the season in the No. 51 Toyota he shares with team owner Kyle Busch. Jones started from the pole and led 114 of the 126 laps en route to his third victory of the year and fourth overall.

Last year at the mile oval, Jones became the series' youngest winner at 17 years, 4 months. Cole Custer broke the record in September at New Hampshire, winning at 16 years, 7 months, 28 days.

Points leader Matt Crafton was second in his bid for his second straight season title. He increased his lead over Ryan Blaney to 25 points heading into the season finale next week in Homestead, Florida.

Custer was third, followed by Blaney, Ben Rhodes and Wallace.

In other auto racing news:

■ With their title hopes on the line, most of NASCAR's championship contenders delivered Friday with strong qualifying runs at Phoenix International Raceway in Avondale, Ariz.

Denny Hamlin led five Chase for the Sprint Cup championship drivers in the qualifying session, putting his Toyota for Joe Gibbs Racing in the top starting spot for Sunday's race.

Six of the eight drivers competing for a shot at the title qualified in the top seven. Only Carl Edwards (13th) and Ryan Newman (20th) failed to crack the top 10 in qualifying.

All of them are vying for the four spots in next week's championship race at Homestead-Miami Speedway. Hamlin is in decent shape: He's tied with Joey Logano for the points lead and only needs to finish 11th or better Sunday to make the finale.

Qualifying right behind Hamlin were Brad Keselowski and Kevin Harvick.

Raiders discuss move to Texas

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Oakland Raiders owner Mark Davis met with a delegation of officials from San Antonio on Friday to talk about a potential move for the franchise.

Former San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros and other city officials traveled to the Bay Area for the meeting, which comes about four months after Davis and other team officials had met with the group in San Antonio.

"We're going to present San Antonio's strengths and assets in the most persuasive way possible," Cisneros told the San Antonio Express-News before the meeting. "We have a very, very good opportunity to set it forth in a way the Raiders can digest."

Team officials declined to comment on the meetings.

The Raiders are in the final year of their lease at the Oakland Coliseum and are seeking a long-term deal. Davis has said his first choice is to remain in Oakland, but he has been unable to reach a deal for a new stadium with local officials. The Raid-



RICK SCUTERI/AP

Erik Jones celebrates Friday after winning NASCAR's Trucks race in Avondale, Ariz.

ers also could move back to Los Angeles, their home from 1982-94.

In other NFL news:

■ Hennepin County prosecutors have filed a second child protection petition in the case connected to Vikings running back Adrian Peterson.

The Vikings' MVP pleaded no contest Tuesday to recklessly injuring his 4-year-old son when the boy was visiting Peterson in Texas last May.

County Attorney Mike Freeman's office said the Texas case made it necessary to open a file for each of Peterson's children who live in the Minnesota county, which contains Minneapolis and St. Paul.

There has been no allegation of abuse involving the second child. The petition is a technicality.

MLS to disperse Chivas players

NEW YORK — Major League Soccer will conduct a dispersal draft on Nov. 19 for the players on defunct Chivas USA.

The league said Friday it will hold a weighted draft on Nov. 14 to determine the draft order. Each team that made the playoffs will be in one envelope, while teams that missed the playoffs will be in two envelopes each along with New York City FC and Orlando City SC, which start play next season.

MLS plans to replace Chivas USA with a Los Angeles expansion team for the 2017 season.

Czechs lead Fed Cup final

PRAGUE — Petra Kvitová and Lucie Šafářová won the opening singles matches to give the Czech Republic a commanding 2-0 lead over Germany in the Fed Cup final on Saturday.

Kvitová, the Wimbledon champion, cruised past Andrea Petkovic 6-2, 6-4 and Šafářová stretched the lead by defeating the 10th-ranked Angelique Kerber 6-4, 6-4 to put the hosts one win away from the third Fed Cup title in four years.

The Czechs won their first title as an independent nation in 2011 and retained the trophy the following year. Czechoslovakia won five times, including three straight from 1983-85.

The reverse singles and doubles are scheduled for Sunday.

NHL



Washington goalie Braden Holtby makes a save during the second period of Friday's game against the Chicago in Chicago. Holtby stopped 38 of 40 shots as Washington won 3-2.

Roundup

Second-period outburst helps Capitals hat slide

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — After finding ways to lose the past two weeks, the Washington Capitals turned the tables on a tough opponent.

Andre Burakovsky, Marcus Johansson, and Joel Ward scored in a 4-52 span late in the second period, and Washington rallied to beat the Chicago Blackhawks 3-2 Friday night, ending a five-game losing streak.

Braden Holtby made 38 saves for the Capitals, who were 0-4-1 since winning at Calgary on Oct. 25.

Brandon Saad and Duncan Keith scored for Chicago, which led 2-0, but then came unglued after Burakovsky scored with just under 5 minutes left in the second.

"Chicago is a very good hockey team and they made us look pretty normal," Washington coach Barry Trotz said. "But we were resilient."

"Hots was good in net and we got some timely goals, finally. Back-to-back-to-back."

And for the first time since their last victory, the Capitals allowed fewer than four goals.

"It felt like this got switched over for us," said Ward, whose deflection with 5 seconds left in the second turned out to be the

game-winner. "We were up 2-0 in a couple of games and had the lead slip away."

"Shows you how fast there can be a turn of events."

For the Blackhawks, that turn was in the wrong direction. Corey Crawford made 21 saves for the Blackhawks, who have lost three of four and are 3-6-0 in their last nine.

Hurricanes 3, Blue Jackets 2 (OT): Elias Lindholm scored with 37.8 seconds left in overtime to lift host Carolina over Columbus for its fourth straight win.

Scott Hartnell had two second-period goals for the Blue Jackets, who lost their seventh consecutive game.

Carolina's Victor Rask tied it at 2 with 8:09 left in the third period on a shot through traffic. Jeff Skinner also scored for the Hurricanes, and Cam Ward made 29 saves.

Coyotes 3, Ducks 2 (SO): Rob Klunkhammer and Shane Doan scored 58 seconds apart early in the second period, Mike Smith made 37 saves and Mikkel Boedker got the deciding goal in the shootout to lead visiting Arizona.

It was the Coyotes' third straight win, all by one-goal margins after beating Washington and Toronto.

Ryan Getzlaf and Matt Beleskey scored for the two-time Pacific Division-champion Ducks and Frederik Andersen made 23 saves after missing two games with stiffness in his leg.

Red Wings 4, Devils 2: Niklas Kronwall scored on a lucky bounce and host Detroit beat New Jersey to snap a three-game skid. Jakub Kindl, Brendan Smith and Johan Franzén also scored for the Red Wings, who outshot the Devils 31-17. Jimmy Howard finished with 15 saves.

Kronwall's long slap shot late in the second sailed past the net and ricocheted straight back off the boards. The puck hit the back of Schneider's left leg and rolled in to give the Red Wings a 4-1 lead.

Oilers 3, Sabres 2: Boyd Gordon scored with 4:16 remaining in the third period to give visiting Edmonton a victory over Buffalo.

After a giveaway by Andre Meszaros, Gordon took a pass from Teddy Purcell on a 2-on-1 break and poked the puck into an empty net with goalie Michael Neuvirth out of position. Purcell had two assists.

Iiro Pakarinen and Mark Arcobello also scored for the Oilers, who snapped a four-game losing streak. Victor Fasth stopped 29 shots.

Scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division						
Tampa Bay	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Montreal	14	9	4	1	19	47/34
Detroit	14	7	3	4	17	37/31
Boston	15	9	6	0	18	43/35
Ottawa	12	7	3	2	16	37/27
Toronto	13	6	5	2	14	37/35
Florida	11	4	3	4	12	26/24
Buffalo	15	3	10	2	8	19/48

Metropolitan Division

Pittsburgh	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
N.Y. Islanders	13	8	5	0	16	41/42
N.Y. Rangers	13	8	3	1	19	49/26
Philadelphia	13	6	5	2	14	41/40
New Jersey	14	6	6	2	14	38/45
Washington	13	6	5	2	13	41/39
Carolina	12	4	6	2	10	28/39
Columbus	12	4	8	1	9	32/44

Western Conference

Central Division						
St. Louis	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Nashville	13	9	3	1	19	34/26
Winnipeg	14	7	5	2	16	38/31
Chicago	14	7	6	1	16	36/29
Minnesota	12	7	5	0	14	36/25
Colorado	15	4	6	5	13	37/46
Dallas	13	3	9	1	7	27/45

Pacific Division

Anaheim	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Vancouver	14	10	4	0	20	46/38
Calgary	15	8	5	2	19	43/37
Los Angeles	14	7	5	2	17	29/29
San Jose	14	7	5	2	16	43/38
Arizona	13	6	5	2	13	34/46
Edmonton	14	5	8	1	11	35/50

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Thursday's games

Pittsburgh 4, Winnipeg 3, SO	Colorado 4, Toronto 3, SO
N.Y. Islanders 2, Los Angeles 1, SO	San Jose 5, Dallas 2
Philadelphia 4, Florida 1	Ottawa 3, Minnesota 0
Tampa Bay 5, Calgary 2	St. Louis 4, New Jersey 3
Nashville 3, Dallas 2	San Jose 5, Dallas 2

Friday's games

Arizona 3, Anaheim 2, SO	Edmonton 3, Buffalo 2
Carolina 3, Columbus 2, OT	Detroit 4, New Jersey 2
Washington 3, Chicago 2	Saturday's games
Pittsburgh at Montreal	N.Y. Rangers at Toronto
Winnipeg at Ottawa	Colorado at Philadelphia
Tampa Bay at Columbus	Carolina at Washington
San Jose at Dallas	N.Y. Islanders at Arizona
Vancouver at Los Angeles	Toronto at Ottawa

Sunday's games

Tampa Bay at Detroit	Edmonton at N.Y. Rangers
Toronto at Ottawa	San Jose at Chicago
Vancouver at Anaheim	

Friday

Oilers 3, Sabres 2

Edmonton	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Buffalo	0	1	2	3	0	1-2
Second Period—1, Buffalo, Moulson 1 (Gionta, Girgensons), 26, 2, Edmonton, Pakarinen 1 (Fayne, Purcell), 1:20.						

Third Period—3, Buffalo, Stafford 3 (Deslauriers, Ristolainen), 6:34, 4, Edmonton, Arcobello 4 (Perron, Yakupov), 11:19, 5, Buffalo, Gordon 2 (Purcell, Hendricks), 15:45.

Shots on Goal—Edmonton 19-14-19—52, Buffalo 10-10-12—32.

Power-play opportunities—Edmonton 0 of 3, Buffalo 1 of 4.

Goals—Edmonton, Fasth 1-2-1 (31 shots-32 saves), Buffalo, Neuvirth 2-4-1 (52-49).

A—17,490 (19,070), T—2:35.

Hurricanes 3, Blue Jackets 2 (OT)

Columbus	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Carolina	0	2	0	0-2	0	1-3
Second Period—1, Carolina, Skinner 2, 2:43, 2, Columbus, Hartnell 2 (Jenner, St-Jens), 11:15, Columbus, H. Hartnell 3 (Jenner, Atkinson), 18:44.						

Third Period—4, Carolina, Rask 2 (Gerbe, Semin), 11:51.

Overtime—5, Carolina, Lindholm 4 (E. Rask, 4:22 (pp)).

Shots on Goal—Columbus 11-10-8-2—31, Carolina 4-10-16-35.

Power-play opportunities—Columbus 0 of 4, Carolina 1 of 7.

Goals—Columbus, McElhinney 0-3-1 (35 shots-32 saves), Carolina, Ward 4-3-1 (31-29).

A—11,540 (18,680), T—2:43.

Red Wings 4, Devils 2

New Jersey	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Detroit	0	2	0	0-4	0	2-4
First Period—1, New Jersey, Bernier 1 (Salvador, Gionta), 3:18, 2, Detroit, Kindl 2 (Tatar, Helm), 18:55 (pp), 3, Detroit, Smith 1 (Andersson, Miller), 19:28.						

Second Period—4, Detroit, Franzén 3 (Kronwall, Zetterberg), 11:41 (pp), 5, Detroit, Kronwall 3, 17:39.

Third Period—6, New Jersey, Tootoo 1 (Zidlicky), 2:26.

Shots on Goal—New Jersey 3-6-17, Detroit 14-10-7-31.

Power-play opportunities—New Jersey 0 of 3, Detroit 1 of 4.

Goals—New Jersey, Schneider 6-5-2 (24 shots-20 saves), Kindlaid (0-0-10, 7-7), Detroit, Howard 6-2-3 (17-15).

A—20,027 (20,066), T—2:27.

Capitals 3, Blackhawks 2

Washington	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Chicago	0	2	0	0-3	0	1-3
First Period—1, Chicago, Saad 2 (Hossa, Shaw), 17:12.						

Second Period—2, Chicago, Keith 3 (Richards, Toews), 5:56 (pp), 3, Washington, Burakovsky 3 (Johansson), 15:05.

Third Period—4, Washington, Ward 7 (Niskanen, Alzner), 19:55.

Shots on Goal—Washington 8-12-40.

Power-play opportunities—Washington 0 of 1, Chicago 1 of 3.

Goals—Washington, Holtby 4-3-2 (40 shots-38 saves), Chicago, Crawford 4-1-1 (24-21).

A—21,892 (19,717), T—2:25.

Arizona 3, Ducks 2 (SO)

Arizona	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF/GA
Anaheim	0	2	0	0-2	0	2-3
First Period—1, Anaheim, Getzlaf 4 (Vatnen, Smith-Pelly), 5:02 (pp), 2, Anaheim, Beleskey 7 (Silfverberg, Kesler), 8:49.						

Second Period—3, Arizona, Klunkhammer 3 (Hanzal, Ert), 3:55, 4, Arizona, Doan 4 (Vermette, Vande), 4:53.

Shootout—Arizona 2 (Gagner, G. Boedker), Anaheim 1 (Silfverberg, G. Smith-Pelly), 11:32-3-39.

Shots on Goal—Arizona 7-10-6-2-25.

Power-play opportunities—Arizona 0 of 3, Anaheim 1 of 4.

Goals—Smith 4-6-0 (39 shots-37 saves), Anaheim, Andersen 7-1-1 (25-23).

A—16,235 (17,174), T—2:41.

Scoring leaders

Through Nov. 7	G	A	Pts
Sidney Crosby, Pit	12	7	12
Jakub Voracek, Min	12	6	13
Phil Kessel, Tor	13	7	11
Vladimir Tarasenko, STL	13	7	11
Victor Seguin, Dal	13	7	9
Eugene Malkin, Pit	13	7	9
Patrick Marleau, Det	14	12	16



Edmonton defenseman Keith Aulie, left, takes a punch from Buffalo right winger Chris Stewart during a fight in the second period of Friday's game in Buffalo, N.Y. Edmonton won the game 3-2.

Adam Wikipert/AP

NBA



SUE OGOROCKI/AP

Grizzlies center Marc Gasol shoots over Thunder center Steven Adams (12) during the fourth quarter of Friday's game in Oklahoma City. Memphis won 91-89 to improve to 6-0 this season, the best start in franchise history.

Grizzlies escape OKC with win at buzzer

6-0 Memphis off to best start in franchise history

By CLIFF BRUNT
The Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Even without injured stars Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook, Oklahoma City made the latest chapter of its rivalry with Memphis look like many of the previous ones.

Oklahoma City's Serge Ibaka missed what would have been a game-winning three-pointer at the buzzer, and Memphis held on for a 91-89 win Friday night to remain unbeaten.

The Thunder won last season's first-round playoff series 4-3, and four of the games went to overtime. The Grizzlies expected the same kind of game, even with the Thunder short-handed.

"It's just the OKC-Memphis rivalry," said Mike Conley, who led the Grizzlies with 20 points. "It's always going to be close, no matter who's out there."

Conley's three-pointer with 38.3 seconds left gave Memphis the lead for good.

"It was a good look," he said. "We moved the ball well that possession."

Oklahoma City had a chance to take the lead with 5.9 seconds remaining, but the Thunder were called for a five-second violation. Oklahoma City then fouled Lee, who made one of two free throws. That gave the Thunder the ball, down two, with 2.4 seconds to go.

Ibaka's shot from beyond the top of the key missed.

Lee scored 17 points and Zach Randolph added 16 for the Grizzlies (6-0). Reggie Jackson had 22 points, eight assists and seven rebounds. Jeremy Lamb scored 17 points, Ibaka scored 16 and

Did you know

The Thunder started just one player (Serge Ibaka) who was a starter during last season's first-round series against the Grizzlies, eliminating much of the familiarity that came from three playoff series in four years.

SOURCE: The Associated Press

Steven Adams added 13 points and 11 rebounds for the Thunder (1-5).

Memphis led 49-40 at halftime, then scored the first four points of the second half before the Thunder called a timeout.

Oklahoma City charged back when Ibaka and Jackson hit back-to-back threes to cut Memphis' lead to two and get the crowd back into the game. Memphis took a 66-62 lead into the fourth quarter.

The Grizzlies began the final period on an 8-3 run to pull ahead 74-65, but a two-handed jam by Ibaka cut it to 78-76 with just more than 5 minutes to play. Lamb hit a three-pointer that tied it with just over 4 minutes remaining.

"Fortunately, we're a team that doesn't win by a lot of points," Conley said. "Big wins are 10, 11 points for us. So we're used to playing in late-game situations, being down two, being down one, going down to the last minute."

Roundup

Cavs overcome poor shooting night, beat Nuggets

The Associated Press

DENVER — LeBron James had 22 points and 11 assists on a poor shooting night by Cleveland's Big Three, helping the Cavaliers hold on for a 110-101 win over the Denver Nuggets on Friday.

James, Kevin Love and Kyrie Irving were a combined 19 of 45 from the floor. The Cavaliers had seven players score in double figures and finished 1-2 on their road trip.

Cleveland wound up with 25 assists two nights after the team tied a franchise record with just six in a loss at Utah.

Randy Foye scored 28 points for the Nuggets, who have dropped four in a row. Denver played without speedy point guard Ty Lawson after he was scratched due to a sore left ankle.

Hornets 122, Hawks 119 (20T): Lance Stephenson made a 33-foot jumper off the glass in the second overtime, lifting host Charlotte to the victory.

Stephenson inbounded the ball to Marvin Williams and got it back off a handoff before connecting from long range.

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Al Jefferson scored a season-high 34 points for the Hornets (3-3). Stephenson added 17 points and 13 rebounds, and the Hornets snapped a six-game losing streak to the Hawks at home.

Nets 110, Knicks 99: Deron Williams scored a season-high 29 points and host Brooklyn beat New York in the first meeting this season between the city rivals.

Brook Lopez added 20 points and nine rebounds for the Nets, who had beaten the Knicks just once on their home floor since moving from New Jersey to Brooklyn in 2012.

Raptors 103, Wizards 84: Kyle Lowry had 13 points, 10 assists and a season-high 11 rebounds for his first triple-double of the season, leading host Toronto to the win.

DeMar DeRozan scored 25 points for the Raptors, who are off to the first 5-1 start in team history. Terrence Ross scored a season-high 18 points, and Lou Williams had 13.



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

Cavaliers forward LeBron James looks to pass ball as Denver Nuggets forward Alonzo Gee defends during Cleveland's 110-101 victory in Denver on Friday.

Celtics 101, Pacers 98: Jared Sullinger scored 11 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter and Jeff Green pulled down a big offensive rebound in a win for host Boston.

The Celtics' surge early in the fourth was interrupted for a few minutes when rookie Marcus Smart injured his left leg. Smart, the No. 6 pick in this year's draft, never got up as medical personnel attended to the injury.

Bulls 118, 76ers 115: Mike Dunleavy scored 12 of his season-high 27 points in the third quarter, and visiting Chicago held on for the win.

Magic 112, Timberwolves 103 (OT): Rookie Aaron Gordon had six of his 17 points in overtime, and Orlando earned its first home win of the season.

Mavericks 105, Jazz 82: Dirk Nowitzki had 27 points and 10 rebounds to help visiting Dallas coast to the win.

Pistons 98, Bucks 95: Kentavious Caldwell-Pope had 19 points and Brandon Jennings added 15 against his former team, leading host Detroit to the victory.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL



JERRY HOLT, MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE/MCT

The Timberwolves' Andrew Wiggins became the second consecutive Canadian prospect taken with the No. 1 overall pick in the NBA Draft when he was selected by the Cleveland Cavaliers this spring.

Top: NBA talent increasingly found in 'Great White North'

FROM BACK PAGE

Bennett eventually moved to the U.S. and played high school basketball at Nevada's Findlay Prep. After one season at UNLV, he was chosen first in the 2013 draft by the Cavaliers.

His path has become a familiar one for young prospects from Canada.

While prep schools there are becoming better and better, and the summer AAU circuit gives them plenty of exposure, the best players still tend to head south for school. That includes Wiggins, the son of former NBA player Mitch Wiggins, who also grew up watching Carter in Toronto but wound up at West Virginia's Huntington Prep for high school.

Wiggins was so dynamic that he actually reclassified to graduate a year earlier, and was still the No. 1 prospect in the country. He ultimately went to Kansas for a year, setting several records at the tradition-rich school.

Now, after he and Bennett were traded from Cleveland, they are together in Minnesota.

It's been getting bigger and bigger every year," Wiggins said of basketball in Canada. "Players started to get a chance to go to the States and go to prep schools down here."

That has made it even easier for them to get on college coaches' radars, and helps to explain why so many Canadian prospects have turned into first-round draft picks.

It's certainly not like it was in the 1950s, when Ernie Vandeweghe arrived out of Montreal and played several seasons for the Knicks. It's not even like it was in the 1980s, '90s and early 2000s, when Bill Wennington was winning titles on Michael Jordan's Bulls, and Rick Fox was winning championships alongside Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal.

"You're always fighting against hockey," said Sidney Lowe, who coached the Grizzlies when they were an expansion team in Vancouver. "But the thing about the

Toronto area is they withstand the tough times. Their support is unbelievable and the result is you see more kids from Canada playing basketball and making it to this level."

Guys like Tristan Thompson and Cory Joseph, first-round picks in 2011, and Andrew Nicholson, a first-round pick the following year. Bennett was joined by Kelly Olynyk in going in the first round in 2013, and Wiggins was joined by Tyler Ennis and Nik Stauskas this past spring.

"At the grassroots level, they're extremely organized," Arizona coach Sean Miller said. "You watch some of their teams on our travel circuit that we have here in the United States, their teams are participating in that. You can tell they're very well coached."

Arizona is among numerous high-profile schools pursuing the top-ranked prep player in the class of 2016, 7-foot center Thon Maker. Duke, Kansas and Kentucky are also in the mix.

His teammate at Ontario's Athlete Institute, five-star guard Jamal Murray, is considering Michigan State, Ohio State and Missouri. On the other side of the country in British Columbia, 6-foot-6 guard Jermaine Haley is looking at Louisville, Memphis and Gonzaga.

"Canada is producing good players and they seem to be more abundant than maybe in the past," said Arizona State coach Herb Sendek, who lured 7-foot-2 Jordan Bachynski out of Calgary a few years ago. Bachynski graduated last year and now plays professionally in Turkey.

"There's very few guys that fall through the cracks anymore that are unknown," Sendek said. "Those kids come down and play club basketball and schools have a way of finding out about kids. The good players in Canada, like Jordan and others, they're heavily recruited."

And the pipeline doesn't look like it's going to run dry any time soon.

Pulling double duty

Era of single-sport specialization may be over in NCAA

By ERIC OLSON
The Associated Press

In college sports, there are some places with reputations for being football schools and others with reputations for being basketball schools.

Duke, North Carolina, Kansas? Basketball.

Alabama, Southern Cal, Texas? Football.

But wait. What about those schools excelling at both sports? They've always been out there, but maybe not quite as obvious as in recent times.

Since 2000, Florida has won two national titles in football and two in men's basketball. The Gators also played in four other Bowl Championship series games and reached the Final Four another two times.

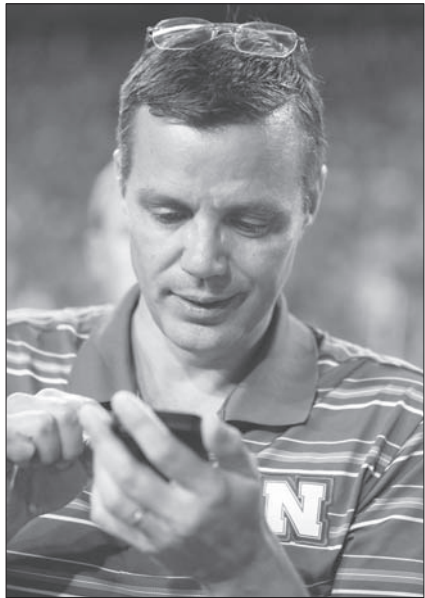
Over the same span, Ohio State won a national title and played for two others in football and went to a couple of Final Fours. The Buckeyes played in six other BCS games and were the Big Ten's winningest program in both sports.

ESPN basketball analyst Jay Bilas said more so-called football schools will be in position to become stronger in basketball with the riches the College Football Playoff era will bring and the rules autonomy granted by the NCAA to the five most powerful conferences. ESPN is paying about \$470 million annually for television rights to the playoff, and most of the money will be split among the five biggest conferences. From there, the money is distributed to member schools that could spend the extra money on, among other things, basketball facilities, recruiting and salaries.

"You don't have to be great at football, but you better play it or you're not going to be in these gravity conferences that are making all the decisions," he said. No school has pulled off the football/basketball double better than Florida — never mind this year's struggle on the gridiron. The Gators swept national titles in both sports in 2006-07. "It's got to be a total, buy-in effort. You've got to change the culture and then you've certainly got to win." Florida's athletic director Jeremy Foley said.

Quick turnarounds are possible in basketball because the recruitment of two or three elite players, along with having a hot coach, can make a dramatic impact.

In the last 25 years 50 schools have had their football and men's basketball teams ranked in the



NATE HARNIK/AP

Cornhuskers basketball head coach Tim Miles sends a message from his phone during the first half of a college football game against Illinois in Lincoln, Neb., Nebraska, a traditional football power, is now attempting to gain sustained relevance in men's basketball.

By the numbers

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Schools in the last 25 years to have had football and men's basketball teams ranked in the final AP Top 25 in the same year.

Schools in last 25 years to be ranked in the final AP Top 25 in both men's basketball and football five times or more.

Schools to win national championships in both men's basketball and football in the same school year (Florida, 2007).

SOURCES: The Associated Press; STATS

sports' respective final AP Top 25s in the same academic year, according to STATS. Only nine of those schools have pulled off the feat five times or more.

So, are there really football schools and basketball schools? Of course. Reputations stem from culture and tradition. But that never precludes a school from being good at both sports.

Bilas used his alma mater of Duke as an example. Even though Duke's football team is ranked in the Top 25 and leads its division in the Atlantic Coast Conference, the goings-on of Coach K. and his

crew will be more closely scrutinized by most fans, Bilas said.

Then consider Texas, which has gone to the NCAA tournament 30 times and made it to two regional finals and one Final Four since 2003.

"It is like ignoring reality to say, 'Geez, if you've got a really good basketball team, Texas will turn its back on football to watch basketball.' That's not going to happen," Bilas said. "They'll support it. They'll love it. But if you give them a choice between football and basketball, they'll choose football."

NFL



ANN HEISENFELD/AP

Minnesota running back Adrian Peterson hasn't played since being charged with felony child abuse for disciplining his 4-year-old son with a wooden switch. He pleaded guilty this week to a lesser charge.

Problems having little impact on bottom line

Fans haven't turned away despite uptick in domestic violence issues

By JIM LITKE
The Associated Press

Problems have been stacking up this season on the NFL's horizon like planes in a holding pattern: investigations, arbitrations, suspensions, lawsuits and plea deals that shamed both an owner and a high-profile star.

It's been a turbulent season so far by almost any measure — save for the most important one: Business has rarely been better.

Despite smoldering anger over Commissioner Roger Goodell's bungling of the Ray Rice domestic-violence case, as well as the way some teams responded when their players ran afoul of the law, no one has bailed on the NFL. The sponsors who raised very public concerns two months ago have slipped quietly back into the fold. The politicians and women's rights advocates who expressed outrage have largely fallen silent. And the fans?

The numbers speak for themselves.

At the halfway point of the season, leaguewide attendance at stadiums is on pace to better last year's per-game average of 68,867 (a five-year high), with 20 of the 32 teams reporting increases, according to STATS. TV ratings,

too, are equal to or better than last year's average of 18.4 million viewers for nationally televised games — including 6.3 million females, according to Nielsen.

"The relative quiet at the moment is because the process has taken over," said Marc Ganis, president of Chicago-based consulting firm SportsCorp, referring to a handful of NFL initiatives to make its disciplinary process more equitable and transparent. "The people in charge said they want to get to the bottom of this, and most of the people who follow the NFL are willing to give them some time to do that."

On Thursday the NFL launched a formal review into the case of Minnesota's Adrian Peterson, who two days earlier pleaded no contest to misdemeanor reckless assault. Peterson was originally charged with felony child abuse for disciplining his 4-year-old son with a wooden switch. After being excoriated over the Rice case the first time, Goodell announced a tougher policy on domestic violence, requiring a six-game suspension without pay for a first offense. Peterson sat out the Vikings' home opener, and has not returned to the field since.

San Francisco's Ray McDonald, on the other hand, has continued playing following his arrest

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SOURCE: STATS

on suspicion of domestic felony abuse more than a month ago. That came after reports police found bruises on the neck and arms of his pregnant fiancée. The results of a police investigation were turned over this week to prosecutors, who will decide whether to bring charges.

Pro Bowl defensive end Greg Hardy was banished to the commissioner's "exempt list" after playing in the season opener for Carolina, and has been effectively benched for the remainder of this season after his trial on assaulting his former girlfriend and threatening to kill her was pushed back to 2015. Hardy was found guilty of the charges by a judge in July, before requesting a trial by jury.

Cards' Palmer signs three-year extension

By BOB BAUM
The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Carson Palmer has signed a three-year contract extension with the Arizona Cardinals.

The move announced Friday puts the 34-year-old quarterback, playing some of the best football of his long career, under contract with the team through 2017.

Palmer, in his second season with Arizona, has thrown for 11 touchdowns with just two interceptions, helping the Cardinals to a 7-1 record, the best mark in the NFL and the franchise's best record through eight games in 40 years. He is 5-0 in games he started this year going into Sunday's home contest against St. Louis.

Arizona acquired Palmer in a trade with Oakland prior to the 2013 season. In his 12th NFL season, Palmer is 15-6 as a starter since coming to the Cardinals. Arizona has won 12 of Palmer's last 14 starts.

He missed three games this season with a "dead" nerve in his throwing shoulder but returned to lead the team to four straight wins.

"Carson has played at an incredibly high level and has been a huge part of the team's success," general manager Steve Keim said in the news release announcing the signing. "When you combined his on-field performance with the leadership, stability and professionalism he brings to the team, there was no question that we wanted to extend the relationship and are excited he felt the same way."

The former Heisman Trophy winner and No. 1 draft pick has thrived in coach Bruce Arians' system, although it took him a

half-season to get comfortable with its intricacies.

No quarterback has a better winning percentage than Palmer's over the past 14 games. In that span, he has thrown for 3,914 yards, with 27 touchdowns and 11 interceptions, for a quarterback rating of 90.0.

He is on a string of five consecutive games with multiple touchdown passes and has thrown for at least one score in a career-best 18 straight starts.

The Cincinnati Bengals picked Palmer as the No. 1 overall selection in the 2003 draft out of USC.

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Steve Keim
Cardinals GM

After the 2012 season, the Raiders decided to go younger at quarterback and Palmer came to Arizona at very little cost. The deal had Arizona swapping a sixth-round pick for Oakland's seventh-round pick. He signed a three-year contract with the Cardinals after the trade.

In his first season in the desert, Palmer threw for a career-high 4,274 yards, becoming the first quarterback in league history to throw for at least 4,000 yards for three teams. He did it twice for Cincinnati and once for Oakland.

In his 142 games as a starter, Palmer has completed 62.5 percent of his passes for 35,124 yards with 224 touchdowns and 154 interceptions, for a quarterback rating of 86.4.

Toiling with mostly losing teams through his career, he has appeared in only two playoff games.



ROSS D. FRANKLIN/AP

Arizona's Carson Palmer signed a three-year extension Friday that will keep him with the team through 2017, when he'll be 37.



GAMEDAY

WEEK 10

TELEVISED GAMES



San Francisco 49ers (4-4)
at New Orleans Saints (4-4)

AFN-Atlantic

7 p.m. Sunday CET

Series: 49ers lead 46-25-2 but Saints have won seven of past eight.

Last meeting: Saints beat 49ers 23-20 on Nov. 17, 2013.

Notes: 49ers QB Colin Kaepernick has three passing TDs and a rushing TD in two starts against Saints. ... 49ers LB Chris Borland had career-high 18 tackles last week. ... Saints QB Drew Brees has won six of seven starts against 49ers, with 16 TDs and a 101 rating.



New York Giants (3-5)
at Seattle Seahawks (5-3)

AFN-Sports

10 p.m. Sunday CET

Series: Giants lead 9-7, but Seahawks have won past two.

Last meeting: Seahawks won 23-0 on Dec. 15, 2013.

Notes: In his last game at Seattle, Giants QB Eli Manning completed 21 of 32 passes for 290 yards and three TDs for a 125.8 rating. ... Seahawks have won 20 of their past 22 games at home. Seattle QB Russell Wilson won his only start against the Giants.

Marquee matchup

Miami Dolphins (5-3) at Detroit Lions (6-2)

AFN-Sports, 7 p.m. Sunday Central European Time

SERIES RECORD: Dolphins lead 7-3 and have won five of the past six.

LAST MEETING: Lions beat Dolphins 34-27, Dec. 26, 2010.

DOLPHINS OFFENSE: OVERALL (11), RUSH (4), PASS (19).

DOLPHINS DEFENSE: OVERALL (3), RUSH (12), PASS (2).

LIONS OFFENSE: OVERALL (20), RUSH (31), PASS (9).

LIONS DEFENSE: OVERALL (1), RUSH (2) PASS (5).

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES: In his past five

games, Dolphins QB Ryan Tannehill has passed for

1,283 yards and 10 TDs with only four

interceptions. The Dolphins are 15-1 when

Tannehill has over a 90 QB rating. ... In his

past six games, Dolphins RB Lamar Miller

413 rushing yards and 5 TDs. ... Dolphins

WR Mike Wallace had a touchdown catch in

his only career meeting with the Lions, back in

2009 while he was still with the

Steelers. ... Dolphins WR Mike Hartline had

50 receiving yards last week and became the

seventh player in franchise history to reach 4,000

yards in his career (4,034). ... Dolphins DE Cameron Wake

has 4½ sacks, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. With 58 career sacks, he needs only two more to surpass Jeff Cross for second-most in franchise history. ... Dolphins CB Brent Grimes has three INTs in his past two games, including two last week against San Diego. ... Lions QB Matthew Stafford led his team in a 21-point comeback victory two weeks ago against Atlanta in London. His 120 passing TDs are the most in franchise history. ... Lions WR Calvin Johnson has 13 receiving TDs in his past 14 games against AFC teams. He also has 84 catches for 1,521 yards and 11 TDs in his past 13 games against AFC teams. Since 2011, he

leads the league with 5,485 receiving yards and

107.5 per game. ... In his past five games,

Lions WR Golden Tate has 39 catches for

599 yards and three TDs, including four

100-yard games. ... Lions LB Andre

Levy had a 30-yard interception return for a

TD in the teams' last meeting. He leads the

Lions with 75 tackles and has seven interceptions since 2013,

the most by a linebacker. ... Lions DT

Ndamukong Suh had a sack and forced

fumble in the teams' last meeting. ... In his

past three games, Lions DE Ezekiel

Anash has 3½ sacks and two forced fumbles.



Detroit QB
Matthew Stafford

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St. Louis Rams (3-5)
at Arizona Cardinals (7-1)

AFN-Atlantic

10:25 p.m. Sunday CET

Series: Tied 34-34-2, but Rams have won three of past four.

Last meeting: Cardinals beat Rams 30-10 on Dec. 8, 2013.

Notes: Rams QB Austin Davis is seeking his third straight division win. ... Rams WR Tavon Austin had a 56-yard run in the teams' last meeting. ... Arizona's 7-1 start is its best since 1974. The Cardinals have won eight of their past nine at home.



Chicago Bears (3-5)
at Green Bay Packers (5-3)

AFN-Sports

2:20 a.m. Monday CET

Series: Bears lead 92-89-6, but Packers have won seven of past eight.

Last meeting: Packers beat Bears 38-17 on Sept. 28.

Notes: Bears QB Jay Cutler is on pace for the first 4,000-yard and first 30-TD season of his career.

... Bears TE Martellus Bennett had nine catches for 134 yards in last meeting. ... In 13 starts against Chicago, Packers QB Aaron Rodgers is 11-2.

REST OF THE SCHEDULE

Tennessee at Baltimore
Atlanta at Tampa Bay
Dallas vs. Jacksonville at London
Denver at Oakland
Open: Houston, Indianapolis, Minnesota, New England, San Diego, Washington
Carolina at Philadelphia

NEXT WEEK

Thursday, Nov. 13
Buffalo at Miami
Sunday, Nov. 16
Minnesota at Chicago
Seattle at Kansas City
Cincinnati at New Orleans
Denver at St. Louis
Houston at Cleveland
Atlanta at Carolina
Tampa Bay at Washington
San Francisco at N.Y. Giants
Oakland at San Diego
Detroit at Arizona
Philadelphia at Green Bay
New England at Indianapolis
Open: Baltimore, Dallas, Jacksonville, N.Y. Jets
Monday, Nov. 17
Pittsburgh at Tennessee

Also on AFN:

Kansas City Chiefs (5-3) at Buffalo Bills (5-3), delayed, AFN-Sports, 8 a.m. Monday CET
Pittsburgh Steelers (6-3) at New York Jets (1-8), delayed, AFN-Xtra, 4 p.m. Monday, CET

EXPANDED STANDINGS

American Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	Diff	AFC	NFC	Div
New England	7	2	0	.778	281	198	5-0	2-2	5-2	2-0	2-0	2-0
Buffalo	5	3	0	.625	178	165	2-2	3-1	2-3	3-0	2-0	2-1
Miami	5	3	0	.625	211	151	2-2	3-1	4-2	1-1	1-1	0
N.Y. Jets	1	8	0	.111	154	262	1-4	0-4	1-5	0-3	0-1	0
Indianapolis	6	3	0	.667	290	211	3-1	2-2	5-2	1-1	3-0	2-0
Houston	4	5	0	.444	206	197	2-2	2-3	3-2	1-3	1-1	1-0
Tennessee	2	6	0	.250	137	202	1-3	1-3	2-4	0-2	1-2	0
Jacksonville	1	8	0	.111	141	251	1-3	0-5	1-6	0-2	0-2	0
Pittsburgh	6	3	0	.667	248	219	4-1	2-2	5-2	1-1	3-0	2-0
Cleveland	6	3	0	.667	209	172	4-1	2-2	4-3	2-0	2-2	0
Cincinnati	5	3	1	.611	197	211	4-1	1-2	4-3	1-0	1	2-1
Baltimore	5	4	0	.556	240	174	3-1	2-3	2-4	3-0	2-3	0
Denver	6	2	0	.750	245	185	5-0	1-2	4-1	2-1	2-0	2-0
Kansas City	5	3	0	.625	200	138	3-1	2-2	4-2	1-1	1-1	1-0
San Diego	5	4	0	.556	205	186	3-1	2-2	4-3	1-1	1-1	1-0
Oakland	0	8	0	.000	129	211	0-4	0-4	0-6	0-2	0	1-0

National Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	Diff	AFC	AFC	Div
Philadelphia	6	2	0	.750	234	177	4-0	2-2	3-2	3-0	3-0	2-0
Dallas	6	3	0	.667	230	195	3-3	3-0	4-3	2-0	1-1	1-0
N.Y. Giants	3	5	0	.375	178	209	2-2	3-3	2-4	1-1	1-1	2-0
Washington	3	6	0	.333	197	229	2-2	1-4	1-5	2-1	1-2	0
New Orleans	4	4	0	.500	227	198	3-0	1-4	4-3	0-1	2-1	0
Carolina	3	5	1	.389	177	236	2-3	1-2	3-3	0-2	1-1	0
Atlanta	2	6	0	.250	192	221	2-2	0-4	2-5	0-2	2-0	0
Tampa Bay	1	7	0	.125	150	245	0-4	1-3	0-4	1-2	0-3	0
Detroit	6	2	0	.750	162	126	3-1	3-1	5-1	1-1	2-0	2-0
Green Bay	5	3	0	.625	222	191	3-0	2-3	3-3	2-0	2-1	0
Minnesota	4	5	0	.444	168	199	2-2	2-3	4-3	0-2	0-2	0
Chicago	3	5	0	.375	180	222	0-3	2-2	2-2	1-3	0-1	0
Arizona	7	1	0	.875	192	156	4-0	3-1	5-0	2-1	1-0	1-0
Seattle	5	3	0	.625	202	174	3-1	2-2	3-2	1-1	0-1	0
San Francisco	4	4	0	.500	168	178	2-2	2-2	3-3	1-1	1-2	0
St. Louis	3	5	0	.375	149	220	1-3	2-2	3-4	0-1	2-1	0

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Northern exposure

Canadian pipeline increasingly turning out top prospects

By DAVE SKRETTA
The Associated Press

Every time that Stanford coach Johnny Dawkins heads north of the border and the subject of Canadian basketball players is broached, one name always comes up: Vince Carter.

He was the star with amazing leaping ability for the expansion Toronto Raptors in the 1990s, doing things that many kids growing up in a hockey-mad country had never thought possible. Carter was a scoring machine, sure, but he did it with a certain flair that endeared him to youngsters.

Now, those kids are starting to come of age.

Led by Anthony Bennett and Andrew Wiggins, the past two No. 1 overall picks in the NBA Draft, the Canadian pipeline has begun to gush with talent. Eight players from the nation have been picked in the first round of the draft in the past four years, a number made even more remarkable by the fact that very few players had even played in the NBA before the 1990s.

"You know what people up there tell me changed everything? They attribute it to Vince," Dawkins said. "It inspired kids in Canada who used to play hockey to play basketball. More kids means more growth for the game, and you're seeing that spill into higher levels of the NCAA."

Bennett was among those kids who grew up watching Carter with awe-struck admiration.

The young Timberwolves forward learned the game around the Jane and Finch Boys and Girls Club in Toronto, and every once in a while the club would take field trips to Raptors games.

"That's when we seen him doing all these types of dunks," Bennett said. "We just had a love for his game."

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'Schools have a way of finding out about kids. The good players in Canada ... they're heavily recruited.'

Herb Sendek
Arizona State head coach



The Great White North is now the Great Frontier in college basketball. After No. 1 draft picks Anthony Bennett and Andrew Wiggins proved there's plenty of game in Canada, college coaches are looking north of the border for the next star. They may have located him in 7-foot center Thon Maker, pictured.

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